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As we go to the villages the Bible will be our chart and the Holy Spirit our compass, our Light. We will encourage health and community improvement. We will not love darkness rather than light, we will love the light and preach remission of sin that all may come to the Light.

— Paul Prouty

HAINES HOUSE

We have a fine Christian Endeavor Society at Haines House this year, composed of 24 of our children, from 12 to 14 years of age. Each Sunday we have a boy and a girl lead. They take turns announcing the different parts of the program, and reading the Scripture, giving the Call of Worship, leading in prayer, etc. We used the Junior Hi Kit for lesson material and the children enjoyed it very much. For our worship centers we used candles and a lovely picture of Christ a number of times, other times we used a light shining on an open Bible, and the last two weeks we have used beautiful evergreen branches as the background for our picture or the Bible. The favorite topics were Bible Quizzes, and our children know most of the answers to the 100 questions given in the Bible Quiz.

There are 46 children at Haines House this year and seven staff members.

ALASKA'S ONLY JUNIOR COLLEGE NEEDS HELP

In preparing to erect a new school and administration building during the summer and fall of 1946, Sheldon Jaackson Junior College has launched a campaign to raise $40,000. The Board of National Missions has in hand $60,000 toward the new 3 story concrete structure, but a minimum of $100,000 is needed for an adequate building. The College is raising the additional funds from among its Alaskan friends and business firms. In the first two weeks, just over $4,000 was raised in Sitka plus $900 in work pledges from the S.J.S. student body.

The campaign now is underway in other Alaska towns and villages As a friend of S.J.S. and the Presbyterian Church won't you too stake a claim is this new educational advance?

Send all contributions to Leslie Yaw, President, Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sitka, Alaska.

EXTENSION COURSE IN BIBLE

Six members of the Alaska Presbytery are following the good work done in the Christian Workers' and Homemakers' School by continuing their studies by correspondence, under the direction of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College. The Book of Acts has been chosen as the subject for this course of self improvement and inspiration.

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intensive training program for Church workers, this course of study to be required of all lay workers, to be in attendance with salary as if on the regular field of service.

The Presbyterian Young People's Conference is to be held on the Sheldon Jackson School campus, June 4-9, 1946, and the Rev. Dr. Mortimer Stocker from our Seattle office will be requested to assist in this program as director.

Due to recent developments in the training of our Church workers it was decided to eliminate the Faith and Life conference planned for next June.

Presytery urged the support of the special drive for additional funds for a school and administrative building at the Sheldon Jackson Junior College. $60,000 has already been given, but there is a balance of $40,000 yet to be raised.

Presbytery endorsed starting to build the new building during the summer of 1946. The old building has been condemned and should be torn down to build this new and more adequate building.

Presbytery voted to have a publication telling of Church activities in Alaska, using a suitable name such as "Alaska Presbyterian," and published on a quarterly basis with the possibility of expansion to include the Yukon Presbytery as well.

— Edward Freeman

E. STANLEY JONES MEETINGS

Alaska is frequently visited by men of great importance in the field of politics and economics, but seldom does she have the privilege of a visit from such an outstanding leader in the spiritual field as was her experience during the month of September when Rev. E. Stanley Jones held six days of meetings in Alaska's four foremost cities.

Dr. Jones, speaking in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, and Ketchikan, exemplified a keen ability in sensing the evils and and curses prevalent in Alaska. Most forcefully he talked about the evil and curse of alcohol. and pled with the forces of good — the people who have professed their allegiance to Jesus Christ— to awaken from the stupor of their sleep and rid themselves and the Territory of this demon.

MEMORIAL CHURCH

One of the strongest hands of the Church is our women's organizations! The women of Memorial Church are busy with their winter program. Meetings are held each Thursday evening. Officers are Mrs. Alice Bell, president; Mrs. Harriet Fawcett Roberts, secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Soboleff, treasurer.

On October 31st a Church dinner was served to 75 in our recreation hall. Following the dinner hour a service was held in the Sanctuary. The Pastor reported the wish of the Session that Wednesday evening prayer meet-

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News of OurChurches

WEBSTERS RETURN

Alaska is glad to welcome back Rev. Jackson L. Webster, Mrs. Webster, and Mary Ellen. They are now serving our Church at Wrangell. Since leaving Sitka in 1940, the Websters served effectively in Newark, California and in San Francisco.

KETCHIKAN RAISES QUOTA FOR RESORATION FUND

The First Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan is the first church in Alaska Presbytery to raise its 1945-46 quota for the restoration fund. In the next two and a half years, our entire Church is going to raise $27,000,000 above and beyond our ordinary benevolences and current expenses. Each church's quota this year is 3% of the money raised last year for current expenses and benevolences

Which church will be next?

KLUCKWAN

On September 16, 1945 for the first time since the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Willard, the bell on the steeple of the Presbyterian Church called its members for a good Presbyterian style of worship, with an excellent response.

From the pulpit, the Rev. Paul Prouty, the traveling missionary on the Princeton-Hall announced the plan of continuing services through the year ending the latter part of May 1946, with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peck serving the field. Mr. Peck was then installed and was received by the faithful members with great joy.

The officers serving are Elder Mrs. Mary Williams, wife of the late Elder John Williams, and Elder Daniel Katzeek. The deacons are Victor Hatch and Mrs. Annie Klaney. The missionary society president is Mrs. Laura Klaney.

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— Mrs. Mildred Sparks

HAINES

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Fox, son Roy, and daughter Margaret, arrived at Haines on August 18. Mr. Fox was formerly pastor of the Prairie du Sac and Waunakee Churches in Wisconsin.

The church has voted to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop and to request other community organizations for assistance in conducting the Boy Scout Program.

The Haines Church lost one of its veteran elders by the death of Mr. Patsy Davis. He had been an elder for almost 25 years and was highly regarded in the whole community.

The pastor has organized a dramatic club in the territorial high school. The club is looking forward to producing plays at Christmas and Easter.

KASAAN

Miss Emma Stauffer has been transferred from Haines House to Kasaan to reopen the work here. She has found much to do, both in defining the outlines of a church program, and in rehabilitating the Manse after a long period without being occupied.

HOONAH

The work on our church building has been delayed, owing to the shortage of material. Actual work began in September and the walls are up. Owing to shortage of money, we are not able to finish the basement. However, some of our sister churches have contributed towards a cement floor, for which we are grateful. We are looking forward to holding our Christmas service in our new church.

When the new homes are finished, about the end of November, most of our church members will be back in town and we look forward to a great start.

— Rev. George Betts

HYDABURG

The new Minister of the church at Hydaburg is the Rev. Alwin E. Gall. Mr. and Mrs. Gall come to Alaska from Emery, South Dakota. Their family includes four boys.

CRAIG—KLAWOCK

Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson are serving the fields at Craig and Klawock. They are living aboard their good ship, the Vermay, since the manse at Craig was destroyed by fire last summer.

KAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, newly appointed lay-workers, have undertaken the program of the church at Kake with enthusiasm and devotion.

PETERSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. William Duguqua, after a period of years of faithful service at Kake, have been transferred to Petersburg where they have begun their new work.

ANGOON

The church at Angoon, where Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gamble continue as lay-workers, enjoyed a period of special ministry during the ANB - ANS Convention November 11-18.

SITKA

FLASH! TELEGRAM!

"Will accept call letter follows. Romans 15:29-30 32-3" Elwood B. Hunter.

Rev. and Mrs. Hunter with their two girls are coming to Sitka from Santa Paula, California.

SKAGWAY

On World- Wide Communion Sunday 32 of the Protestant patients at the Department of Native Affairs Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Skagway received the sacraments from the Elders and Pastor of the Skagway Presbyterian Church. Each Friday afternoon, Rev. Harold F. Fredsell visits with the patients. Helpful reading material, Sunday School papers, New Testaments and other scripture portions are giving them through the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

NORTHERN LIGHT CHURCH

On Wednesday evening, October 24th, a capacity crowd of the members of the Church and Congregation of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church of Juneau gathered in the Church parlors for their annual church-wide Fellowship Dinner. Under the leadership of the Martha Society and te World Service Circle, a sumptuous covered dish dinner was served.

George B. Schmidt led the group in community singing, using many of the old familiar songs Mrs. Carol Beery Davis presided at the piano. Miss Pharoby Prouty, daughter of our general missonary Rev. Paul Prouty, beautifully sang two lovely numbers. The purpose of this annual gathering is better fellowship, and to welcome the new members of the Church who were received during the past twelve months.

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William Woods, S.J.S. '42 who was while in the Army, advanced to the rank of First Assistant Engineer in the Army Transport Service, is now a part of the Princeton-Hall crew, serving as the Engineer.

As we go to the villages the Bible will be our chart and the Holy Spirit our compass, our Light. We will encourage health and community improvement. We will not love darkness rather than light, we will love the light and preach remission of sin that all may come to the Light.

— Paul Prouty

HAINES HOUSE

We have a fine Christian Endeavor Society at Haines House this year, composed of 24 of our children, from 12 to 14 years of age. Each Sunday we have a boy and a girl lead. They take turns announcing the different parts of the program, and reading the Scripture, giving the Call of Worship, leading in prayer, etc. We used the Junior Hi Kit for lesson material and the children enjoyed it very much. For our worship centers we used candles and a lovely picture of Christ a number of times, other times we used a light shining on an open Bible, and the last two weeks we have used beautiful evergreen branches as the background for our picture or the Bible. The favorite topics were Bible Quizzes, and our children know most of the answers to the 100 questions given in the Bible Quiz.

There are 46 children at Haines House this year and seven staff members.

ALASKA'S ONLY JUNIOR COLLEGE NEEDS HELP

In preparing to erect a new school and administration building during the summer and fall of 1946, Sheldon Jaackson Junior College has launched a campaign to raise $40,000. The Board of National Missions has in hand $60,000 toward the new 3 story concrete structure, but a minimum of $100,000 is needed for an adequate building. The College is raising the additional funds from among its Alaskan friends and business firms. In the first two weeks, just over $4,000 was raised in Sitka plus $900 in work pledges from the S.J.S. student body.

The campaign now is underway in other Alaska towns and villages As a friend of S.J.S. and the Presbyterian Church won't you too stake a claim is this new educational advance?

Send all contributions to Leslie Yaw, President, Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sitka, Alaska.

EXTENSION COURSE IN BIBLE

Six members of the Alaska Presbytery are following the good work done in the Christian Workers' and Homemakers' School by continuing their studies by correspondence, under the direction of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College. The Book of Acts has been chosen as the subject for this course of self improvement and inspiration.

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intensive training program for Church workers, this course of study to be required of all lay workers, to be in attendance with salary as if on the regular field of service.

The Presbyterian Young People's Conference is to be held on the Sheldon Jackson School campus, June 4-9, 1946, and the Rev. Dr. Mortimer Stocker from our Seattle office will be requested to assist in this program as director.

Due to recent developments in the training of our Church workers it was decided to eliminate the Faith and Life conference planned for next June.

Presytery urged the support of the special drive for additional funds for a school and administrative building at the Sheldon Jackson Junior College. $60,000 has already been given, but there is a balance of $40,000 yet to be raised.

Presbytery endorsed starting to build the new building during the summer of 1946. The old building has been condemned and should be torn down to build this new and more adequate building.

Presbytery voted to have a publication telling of Church activities in Alaska, using a suitable name such as "Alaska Presbyterian," and published on a quarterly basis with the possibility of expansion to include the Yukon Presbytery as well.

— Edward Freeman

E. STANLEY JONES MEETINGS

Alaska is frequently visited by men of great importance in the field of politics and economics, but seldom does she have the privilege of a visit from such an outstanding leader in the spiritual field as was her experience during the month of September when Rev. E. Stanley Jones held six days of meetings in Alaska's four foremost cities.

Dr. Jones, speaking in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, and Ketchikan, exemplified a keen ability in sensing the evils and and curses prevalent in Alaska. Most forcefully he talked about the evil and curse of alcohol, and pled with the forces of good — the people who have professed their allegiance to Jesus Christ— to awaken from the stupor of their sleep and rid themselves and the Territory of this demon.

MEMORIAL CHURCH

One of the strongest hands of the Church is our women's organizations! The women of Memorial Church are busy with their winter program. Meetings are held each Thursday evening. Officers are Mrs. Alice Bell, president; Mrs. Harriet Fawcett Roberts, secretary; Mrs. Genevieve Soboleff, treasurer.

On October 31st a Church dinner was served to 75 in our recreation hall. Following the dinner hour a service was held in the Sanctuary. The Pastor reported the wish of the Session that Wednesday evening prayer meet-

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News of Our Churches

WEBSTERS RETURN

Alaska is glad to welcome back Rev. Jackson L. Webster, Mrs. Webster, and Mary Ellen. They are now serving our Church at Wrangell. Since leaving Sitka in 1940, the Websters served effectively in Newark, California and in San Francisco.

KETCHIKAN RAISES QUOTA FOR RESORATION FUND

The First Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan is the first church in Alaska Presbytery to raise its 1945-46 quota for the restoration fund. In the next two and a half years, our entire Church is going to raise $27,000,000 above and beyond our ordinary benevolences and current expenses. Each church's quota this year is 3% of the money raised last year for current expenses and benevolences Which church will be next?

KLUCKWAN

On September 16, 1945, for the first time since the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Willard, the bell on the steeple of the Presbyterian Church called its members for a good Presbyterian style of worship, with an excellent response.

From the pulpit, the Rev. Paul Prouty, the traveling missionary on the Princeton-Hall announced the plan of continuing services through the year ending the latter part of May 1946, with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peck serving the field. Mr. Peck was then installed and was received by the faithful members with great joy.

The officers serving are Elder Mrs. Mary Williams, wife of the late Elder John Williams, and Elder Daniel Katzeek. The deacons are Victor Hatch and Mrs. Annie Klaney. The missionary society president is Mrs. Laura Klaney.

— Mrs. Mildred Sparks

HAINES

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Fox, son Roy, and daughter Margaret, arrived at Haines on August 18. Mr. Fox was formerly pastor of the Prairie du Sac and Waunakee Churches in Wisconsin.

The church has voted to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop and to request other community organizations for assistance in conducting the Boy Scout Program.

The Haines Church lost one of its veteran elders by the death of Mr. Patsy Davis. He had been an elder for almost 25 years and was highly regarded in the whole community.

The pastor has organized a dramatic club in the territorial high school. The club is looking forward to producing plays at Christmas and Easter.

KASAAN

Miss Emma Stauffer has been transferred from Haines House to Kasaan to reopen the work here. She has found much to do, both in defining the outlines of a church program, and in rehabilitating the Manse after a long period without being occupied.

HOONAH

The work on our church building has been delayed, owing to the shortage of material. Actual work began in September and the walls are up. Owing to shortage of money, we are not able to finish the basement. However, some of our sister churches have contributed towards a cement floor, for which we are grateful. We are looking forward to holding our Christmas service in our new church.

When the new homes are finished, about the end of November, most of our church members will be back in town and we look forward to a great start.

— Rev. George Betts

HYDABURG

The new Minister of the church at Hydaburg is the Rev. Alwin E. Gall. Mr. and Mrs. Gall come to Alaska from Emery, South Dakota. Their family includes four boys.

CRAIG—KLAWOCK

Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson are serving the fields at Craig and Klawock. They are living aboard their good ship, the Vermay, since the manse at Craig was destroyed by fire last summer.

KAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, newly appointed lay-workers, have undertaken the program of the church at Kake with enthusiasm and devotion.

PETERSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. William Duguqua, after a period of years of faithful service at Kake, have been transferred to Petersburg where they have begun their new work.

ANGOON

The church at Angoon, where Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gamble continue as lay-workers, enjoyed a period of special ministry during the ANB - ANS Convention November 11-18.

SITKA

FLASH! TELEGRAM!

"Will accept call letter follows. Romans 15:29-30 32-3" Elwood B. Hunter.

Rev. and Mrs. Hunter with their two girls are coming to Sitka from Santa Paula, California.

SKAGWAY

On World- Wide Communion Sunday 32 of the Protestant patients at the Department of Native Affairs Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Skagway received the sacraments from the Elders and Pastor of the Skagway Presbyterian Church. Each Friday afternoon, Rev. Harold F. Fredsell visits with the patients. Helpful reading material, Sunday School papers, New Testaments and other scripture portions are giving them through the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

NORTHERN LIGHT CHURCH

On Wednesday evening, October 24th, a capacity crowd of the members of the Church and Congregation of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church of Juneau gathered in the Church parlors for their annual church-wide Fellowship Dinner. Under the leadership of the Martha Society and te World Service Circle, a sumptuous covered dish dinner was served.

George B. Schmidt led the group in community singing, using many of the old familiar songs Mrs. Carol Beery Davis presided at the piano. Miss Pharoby Prouty, daughter of our general missonary Rev. Paul Prouty, beautifully sang two lovely numbers. The purpose of this annual gathering is better fellowship, and to welcome the new members of the Church who were received during the past twelve months.

A number of our men have returned home from their service with the Armed Forces. These men were especially honored and welcomed home.

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ings be resumed. An important step was also taken by the membership in receiving new offering envelopes and the beginning of en every member canvass.

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YUKON PRESBYTERY EXTENDS ITS WORK

This issue of The Alaska Presbyterian has to go to press before word has reached us from the session of Yukon Presbytery which met at Cordova on January 4. The churches of Yukon Presbytery have shown a live interest in this little paper, and it is already serving to bring us closer together.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Wotring of Cordova were hosts to the ministers for the meeting which was called by Rev. Victor Alfsen, pastor of Palmer and Moderator of the Yukon Presbytery.

Word has been recieved of the appointment of Rev. and Mrs. S. Lee to the mission at Barrow. Mr. and Mrs. Lee come from Horton, Kansas, where they have worked with the Board of National Missions.

Five thousand dollars has been appropriated by the Board for work in constructing a church at Savoonga where Miss Alice Green is in charge. Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Parker of Gambell have made extensive repairs on the manse and church at their end of our great St. Lawrence Island project.

The Board has been authorized by the Home Missions Council to accept the responsibility for the work at Whittier, Alaska. The chapel formerly occupied by the Army has been turned over to the Alaska Railroad and in turn has been released to our work. Dr. Jackman is looking for a single man to carry on this pioneer work.

Rev. Harry Champlin, aided by Rev. B. J. Bingle, will open a hut chapel in Fairbanks for work with their Eskimos. Indications are that this may become a very important field of work for our Fairbanks church. Fairbanks is also reaching out to include the University of Alaska in its youth program. Recently a fine representation from the University were enertained at a dinner at First Church, Fairbanks.

WEEKLY YOUTH NIGHT DEVELOPED IN WRANGELL

Our Hi Schoolers Church Night in Wrangell is three months old is already teething, and has almost doubled its birthweight. Every Thursday at 6 o'clock, we have a simple cafeteria supper, put on by a host and hostess from the church. The young people pay twenty-five cents for the supper; this money is turned over to the hostess with the request that she keep at least two dollars toward expenses. The rest of the money goes into the treasury, part of which is to send delegates to the Young People's Conference next June.

For the first half hour after supper we sing—old songs, new songs, fun songs, and end with a hymn. Mr. Webster then leads a half hour of discussion on a subject vital to young people. We have found our group very responsive to such questions as: What makes a happy home? How can I get along with people I don't like? What is wrong about swearing? We end this discussion with another hymn, and then usually have a short business meeting. Because our group is inexperienced, we have had to take most of the leadership ourselves; but we expect a growing ability among these young people to run their own organization.

The next period of the evening is spent in games of all varieties with the last half hour devoted to folk games. "Paw Paw Patch"

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ON TRIP TO SEATTLE

Mr. Leslie Yaw, president of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, and Mr. Laurence Doig of the school staff, with Mrs. Doig and their two children, left Sitka on January 11 on the SJS II for Seattle, where Mr. Yaw will visit business firms and individuals in the interest of the supplemental drive for funds for the new Junior College Administration Building. Prior to then, $9,000 had been received chiefly from Alaskan sources, toward the goal of $40,000 by April 1.

RESTORATION FUND REPORT

A report from the Restoration Fund, to December 1, 1945 shows receipts from churches in Alaska Presbytery as follows:

Ketchikan	$ 47.14
Skagway, First	25.00
Presbytery Miscellaneous	50.00
	$122.14

It is also noted that the only church thus far to meet or exceed its quota is Ketchikan.

Some churches have sent contributions since this report was compiled, The Northern Light Presbyterian Church sent a check in early December. The Sitka and Skagway churches took collections for this purpose at one of their Christmas services.

It is prayerfully hoped that each church will send in a substantial contributions as soon as possible. Remittances should be made payable to D. Allan Locke Treasurer. The Restoration Fund 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10 N. Y.

CANTATA PLANNED

Choirs from the First Presbyterian and St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Churches in Ketchikan are making plans to sing Stainer's "Crucifixion" together at Easter time. Delegates to Presbytery and Presbyterial may have an opportunity to hear parts of the cantata.

PRESBYTERY OF ALASKA ..

Present plans for the Spring Meeting of Presbytery are for the first week in April. It is hoped to so date the meeting that the pastors may be home for Palm Sunday.

Let each church report what you have accomplished, or attempted during the year, and what some of your plans for the future are. By so doing, you may give fresh courage to a sister church.

Help your Stated Clerk by making full and complete reports as soon as you receive the blanks.

The Moderator sends sincere greetings to each church.

A. D. Swogger
Moderator

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READ!!

Generally we are more or less inclined to take church papers for granted. Your Committee on Christian Education in the Presbytery of Alaska has been concerned with the volume of Presbyterian church papers actually being read. On several occasions we have noticed a lack of such papers in your homes.

This lack is not confined to Alaska. It has also been felt by national leaders of our group. General Assembly set to motion a committee to study the possibility of having a church paper with a comprehensive outreach All of our churches are now urged to have each family contribute five cents a week for Christan literature. Our church has several splendid publications suitable for all age groups. See your pastor that he may assist you in making out one or more subscriptions.

This new publication, The Alaska Presbyterian, is coming to you now without subscription price. Your committee on Christian Education requests all churches to make a special offering toward the upkeep of this paper.

A news circular such as this has been overdue for some time. When I say some time, I note that our own Memorial Presbyterian Church has neared her 60th year. With all churches behind this paper we see no need for failing. The Christ spirit in all worthwhile ventures has never failed.

Walter A. Soboleff

LEADERS STUDY

Members of the session, diaconate, board of trustees, woman's missionary society, and Sunday school teachers of the First Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan meet once each month jointly to study the manual for church officer training, "Your Church and Your Job," found in the 1945—46 Presbyterian Plan Book.

The new director of Christian Education for Anchorage Presbyterian Church is to be Miss Elenor Altman. She will take up her new duties about February 1

SUMMER CAMP EXPANSION PLANNED

King's Lake Camp Incorporated is a non-profit organization with representatives in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and the Matanuska Valley. They are striving to build a camp worthy of religious and educational activities for all-year round work. On the shores of King's Lake in the Valley, hundreds of children and young people gather each season for conference and extension work. To provide better equipment, the directors of the camp have voted a program of building. The plans call for an auditorium, large dining hall, lounge room, and apartment for a caretaker. A new recreational field will be completed for baseball, tennis and volley ball. A new H form dock will be constructed to give modern and scientific control of boating and swimming. The Presbyterian Church is behind the project 100%, as it always is with anything influencing the total life of its youth.

LOCKERS MADE AS YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY PROJECT

The Young People's Society of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church, Juneau, of which Fred Prouty is president, saw a need for small lockers to be built and given to the boys of Haines House Mission, that those youngsters might have some place of their own where they might keep their trinkets and toys. The young people took on the project and converted used apple boxes into solid chests with good bottoms and hinged lids, painted them in bright colors of red, blue, green, and yellow. They were sent to Haines House for Christmas, aboard the Princeton-Hall.

WORKING WITH THE ESKIMOS IN FAIRBANKS

When we came to Fairbanks in 1942 we lived here six monhts before we ever saw an Eskimo, so seldom did they ever leave their Arctic villages. But the shortage of manpower during the war caused contractors and the Alaska Railroad to visit the villages and hire the Eskimos. Gradually a little Eskimo village took shape on the outskirts of Fairbanks until now there are probably at least a hundred Eskimos living in the village or in Fairbanks proper.

Being thrown up against the white man's civilization, if it can be called such, of taverns, bars. saloons, movies and all the other things that go with a frontier city in boom time; being thrust up against all these things in such a big dose, all at once, could easily have caused the Eskimos to become one with the erring white man. Indeed, the Indians from the Interior very largely did. But without exception, the Eskimos have remained the fine. upright persons they grew up to be under the infuence of the missionaries in the Arctic villages.

They began to come to our morning and evening church services always sitting in the last rows and usually grouped in the corners. After a while, we thought that in addition to coming to our regular services, we should have a special service just for them. So, meeting on Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock, we started the first service with six present. Week after week a few more would come until we reached forty. The service begins with singing in English and then they sing in Eskimo. All seem to have a natural gift for singing. We managed to learn the chorus "Into My Heart" in Eskimo and never fail to please them when we sing it with them. After a song service, a Eskimo leads in prayer in his own tongue, all joining in the Lord's Prayer in Eskimo. An offering is received and an expository sermon is preached with one of the Eskimos interpreting. The majority do not need an interpreter, but for the benefit of the unschooled, elderly attendants we have an interpreter. In due time we thought we should do more for the children, so now after the opening song service we dismiss the children to the Sunday school room where they are taught a Bible lessons, children's songs—finishing off with handwork until the other service is over.

Undoubtedly we made many mistakes as we branched out into an entirely new field, an all- Eskimo service. One mistake we shall never forget. After pronouncing the benediction at the close of the service it is our custom to step down from the pulpit and go to the door and greet all who have attended. So, naturally we did the same thing in this service But the Eskimos sat down after the benediction and gave no sign of leaving. We were quite puzzled and asked if there was something else they wished to do. They made no reply but slowly rose to their feet and ambled out. This went on for several weeks before they began leaving

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immediately after the benediction, When Rev. Fred Klerekoper came down from Barrow several months latter, we told him of the incident. Fred informed us that he judged the value of his sermons by the length of time the adults sat in the seats after the benediction. It seems that when they are impressed, they like to sit and meditate upon it. Well, by the time we knew this, it was too late. Through ignorance we broke a wonderful habit.

— N. Harry Champlin

"GAS ON THE STOMACH"

When the new pastor arrived in August, he was introduced to old Mrs. Furnace, an indigent woman living in the basement of the church.

"We've got an arrangement with her," said the Banker, one of the trustees; "we give her room and board for heating the church."

But during the pleasant month of September her frequent failures led the pastor to the suspicion that she ate and slept more than she worked. Several times she went to sleep while the pastor was preaching (!) and he had to make the sermons hot to keep the congregation from shivering. And she grew steadily worse.

Having spent $250 a few months earlier to have the old woman's face lifted, the church officers were quite disgusted. However her frequent failures finally drove them to call a doctor, who insisted on a major operation.

"The whole alimentary canal is stopped up," he said, "and must be replaced with copper tubing."

This was quite an undertaking, but the pastor had spent so much time nursing the old girl that he felt anything was worthwhile to get her working. He volunteered to help the doctor, and they went to work. Sermons suffered and no calls were made, but finally the job was done. Doctor and nurse watched hopefully as they threw the switch and set her to work. It was the same old story. She worked a few minutes, dozed off, and left the church as cold as the sharp freezer.

A new doctor was called.

"Connections," he said. "They haven't been properly sealed."

So again her torso was opened the fittings unscrewed, and smeared with Permatex. Again they watched through the peephole as she went to work. She started, sputtered, gasped, and slept!

It was almost too much; but the doctor was determined not to turn undertaker and he tried again.

"I may be wrong," he said, "but I believe this old gal's got gas on her stomach. We'll see. Castor oil might be better, but there ain't enough in town, so we'll use diesel."

Putting the old woman on the operating table, with the help of the pastor he filled her mouth with oil and closed it with a vertical check valve. Then he disconnected the union between her throat and esophagus. "Your job," he said to the pastoral nurse, "is to fill this old girl up with oil. If she's been swallowing air, we'll get it out of her!" Then he opened the stopvalve between her stomach and small intestine. "Now," he said, "start pouring. Fill her up!"

The pastor placed his funnel and started. The doctor's eyes were on the lower valve where he hoped to see oil.

"Are you pouring?" he shouted impatiently.

"As fast as the funnel will take it," answered the pastor.

The old woman didn't say a word!

"Here it comes!" cried the doctor; and he stopped the valve. "Now let's get that union together and we'll see what she can do."

The connection was made in a twinkling. The doctor kicked in her switch. He may have lacked something in courtesy by this time, but the meaning was plain. The old girl went to work like a highschool kid making candy for her boyfriend. And she's never stopped since, short of the whistle!

Ain't it terrible what a little gas on the stomach can do?

Jackson L. Webster
Wrangell

WELCOME TO ALASKA!

Rev. and Mrs. Alwin Gall and four sons, Martin, Bernard, Norman and Charles, arrived in Hydaburg November 9 to take up their work in our Presbyterian church there. They have come from Emery, South Dakota, where Mr. Gall had served in the St. Paul Presbyterian Church for four years. Proceeding this the Galls had served in one pastorate in Iowa for thirteen years. We do welcome these fellow-laborers to the vineyard of Christ's kingdom here in Alaska.

Martin and Bernard Gall will finish out their school year at Sheldon Jackson School.

News of Our Churches

KETCHIKAN

Christmas activities at the First Presbyterian Church of Ketchikan, Alaska were well attended and helpful this year.

"By the Christmas Fire" on Wednesday, December 19 was designed to make a lull in the rush of Christmas preparation in the home, stores, and the Church, and afforded an opportunity to remember what Chirstmas is all about. The best-loved of the Christmas songs were sung. Three selections were read: the Christmas story from Luke, part of the Cratchits' Christmas dinner from Dicken's "Christmas Carol", and the last two paragraphs from Henry vanDyke's "The Meaning of Christmas."

"On Earth, Peace", a Christmas Candlelight Service, was held on Saturday, December 22. A twenty-voice choir sang Christmas music, with a reader reading different selections from the Scriptures between each number. Three Christian sound motion pictures were shown at the close of the service: "Another to Conquer", "Go Ye", and "Child of Bethlehem."

"The Christmas Gifts" was the theme of the Church School Christmas program presented on Monday, December 24. During the program each child brought a Christmas bell, which had been made by the members of the church's handicraft class, and hung it on the Christmas tree as his birthday gift for Jesus. The bells had been given out in Sunday School several Sundays before, and the children had been putting their pennies, nickles, dimes, quarters, halves, and dollars in them.

Christmas Day worship was held Tuesday morning, December 25.

METLAKATLA

At the evening service on December 9, the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church had a white Christmas observance. The program was planned by Christian Endeavor Society. Gifts for the children at Haines House were brought. The Women's Missionary Society also gathered gifts of food to be sent to Haines House.

On December 26th, the choir rendered the cantata "His Natal

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Day" to a large and appreciative audience. They repeated the cantata at the Ketchikan Church on Sunday evening, January 6. Preceeding the evening service, they were served a banquet, and following the concert a reception was held honoring the choir.

Many of the service boys are home, some as civilians and some on leave. To honor them the Christian Endeavor gave a party in the Town Hall for the whole community. Eddie Verney, Coxswain 3/c, was called to speak for the service boys.

HOONAH

All odds seemed to be against our community this winter. Old man winter came in early, delaying the progress of the building of the whole community including our church.

The men working for the Alaska Construction Company left Hoonah to spend the holidays with their families in the South, so there has been no work done to our church since the 16th of December. However, all the outside work is completed, and the main room and the Sunday school room are ready. There has been no work done in the basement yet. It may be two months before the work is completed — that is, if the weather warms up.

Elder John G. Fawcett is taking over the superintendency of the Sunday school. We now have an enrollment of 65 in our Sunday school and hope to have a lot more soon.

Friends of Frank Johnson, Mrs Amy Kundson, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Austin may be glad to learn that they have joined the Hoonah Presbyterian Church by confession of faith.

The young people of Hoonah are raising money for an ElectronBell outfit. They have so far raised $126.00.

We want to thank all our friends and churches who so kindly gave towards our church basement.

CRAIG — KLAWOCK

Rev. and Mrs. Verne Swanson made a trip to Ketchikan leaving November 5 on their boat the Vermay to call for Rev. and Mrs. Alwin Gall and their children who arrived there on the Prince Rupert While at Ketchikan, the Vermay was loaded with $500 worth of lumber and materials to be used in building the new manse at Craig, which was burned last summer. Part of the floor and foundation will be saved and used again. Members of Craig Church have enthusiastically pledged their support, both financially and in donated time and labor.

The Swansons are dividing their time between Klawock and Craig. For the present they are living at the manse at Klawock. The work of reshingling the manse roof has been started there Shingles are to be purchased also for the roof of the church.

JUNEAU

The Northern Light Presbyterian Church, Juneau, suffers a great loss in the removal from the city of one of her beloved elders. Mr. M. S. Whittier. Mr. Whittier retired from the U. S. Customs after more than forty years in the Territory. He has served faithfully as an elder in this church since his election to that office on March 29, 1915, and his ordination on July 5, 1915. For many years he was a most efficient Clerk of the Session. Throughout his career he has been a most enthusiastic sponsor of the young people, both in the church and out, and many of the young people, now adults, know him as "Daddy Whittier."

On January 9th the church will give a public reception in honor of this fine couple who plan to leave Juneau on January 13 to make their home in the sunshine of California. We hate to see Mr. Whittier leave us, but pray God's richest blessings to attend him in his new ventures.

The choir of Memorial Presbyterian Church gave a Christmas concert during the Sunday school program on the night of December 23. A half hour broadcast was given Christmas eve over radio station KINY, after which the choir went caroling. A choir dinner party was given by the church on January 12. Choir members are: Lottie and Herbert Mercer; Ethel Roberts Bayou; Dorothy Gore; Sylvia Brensdal; Margaret Mercado; Gertrude Treffers; Alice Bell; Connie Paddock; Anita Brown; Precilla and Fred Morgan; Bill Paul, Jr. and Sr.; Joe Pratt; Harriet and Lester Roberts; Adaline, Ann, Frances, and Clara Barlow; Genevieve Soboleff, pianist.

SITKA

From the time we went on board the S. S. Denali in Seattle until we arrived at Sitka on January 3, we were told repeatedly of the hospitality and friendliness of Alaskan people. However, we had to arrive in Sitka and see the things that had been done for us to make us comfortable to really appreciate everything that had been said.

The fine Christian fellowship which has been expressed in the last week is very encouraging and has made us feel very much at home. We have felt from the first that we were associated with people that love the Lord Jesus Christ and are faithfully seeking to serve Him.

In the few days we have spent in Alaska we find the needs very much the same as those of the whole world, a need for a vital and personal experience of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus, and a need for more definite and intimate walk with Him.

— Elwood and Eleanor Hunter

SKAGWAY

At our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, $74 was raised for The Restoration Fund for postwar needs. We had three choirs participating at the service, "The Shepherds Choir" (boys), "The Angels Choir" (girls), and the Senior Chancel Choir of the church. The entire sanctuary was lit by candlelight with the choirs carry long tapers in the processional

Christmas presents of Scripture Text Calendars were given to every patient at the Skagway Tuberculosis Sanitorium, along with fruit and candies for the little folks. The Christmas Story in kodachrome slides was shown in the three wards by the Rev. Harold F. Fredsell, pastor.

WEEKLY YOUTH NIGHT . . . .

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is the most popular, with "O Susanna" a close second. We send the young people home promptly at 9:30 because it is a school night. Our attendance has averaged twenty for the three months with the boys in the lead. As only one high school boy was attending Sunday school and none the worship service, it is encouraging to have a steadily growing group who find religion and the church playing a more vital part in their lives.

— Laura K. Webster

Phyllis Vancura and Doris Webb, two Spars with the United States Coast Guard, are organizing a Girl Scout troop at the Ketchikan church, beginning January 9.

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Carolyn Matthews Sees Alaska Work

Carolyn Matthews, recently elected to head a new office for Women's Work of the Board of National Missions in Kansas City, Missouri, will spend a month in the territory acquainting herself with as much of the Presbyterian work in Alaska as possible in the time she has available.

Miss Matthews' home is in Washington, D. C. She has had missionary experience in Syria with a trip around the world. She was a church worker in war industry areas in New England, has had mission experience in the southern mountains, has visited Presbyterian Southern Mountain and Negro fields, and has been a Field secretary of the Board of National Missions for Women's Work throughout the whole Church and the visit to Alaska is to broaden her missionary background before taking up her new responsibilities.

Miss Matthews left Seattle via Pan-American on May 21 and spent the rest of the day in Metlakatla. On May 22, Miss Matthews addressed a women's group and the prayer meeting at Ketchikan and visited around the city on the 23rd. On the 24th she left on the Princeton-Hall with delegates for the summer conference and is visiting all the churches in the southern end of Alaska presbytery en route to Sitka. Miss Matthews will be on the summer conference staff, May 28 to June 4, and then will visit all the churches in the northern end of Alaska presbytery en route from

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333 in Church School At Anchorage Church

Eleanor Altman, director of Christian Education of the Anchorage Church, reports that 143 new pupils were added to the Church school roll during the past winter, while only 39 had been dropped. As of April 1, 1946, the Church school enrollment is 333, with new pupils being added each week. This figure does not include the Cradle Roll children under three years of age.

Presbytery Approves Plan of Evangelism

Alaska Presbytery approved a plan of evangelism as presented by the United Promotion committee, and gave the committee the green light to set up four-day evangelistic meetings in each Church of the Presbytery. Each Church is to choose two visiting presbyters and the dates desired, and the Committee on United Promotion will arrange a schedule with the men involved and the M.S. Princeton-Hall. The primary purpose of the week is not to gain new members for the local Church, but to deepen the spiritual life of the present membership. Additional members and an increased vision concerning stewardship probably would follow. Each minister or lay worker should present the plan as outlined to his session, and then get in touch with the chairman of the United Promotions Committee, the Rev. Edward D. Freeman, Box 46, Ketchikan, Aaa.

Anchorage Churches Plan Combined DVBS

Members of the Anchorage Ministerial Association contemplate having a combined Daily Vacation Bible School for the entire city. Cooperating Churches have asked youth organizations to clear the slate for this first united attempt at Daily Vacation Bible School work. Pastors of cooperating Churches will be in charge of departments with teachers under them.

Booth Delivers First Commencement Talk

Willis R. Booth, moderator of the Presbytery of Alaska, will deliver the commencement address [illegible] "That Onward Look" at Sheldon Jackson Junior College's first commencement exercises, May 16. John Williams of Yakutat is the first junior college student to receive his two-year diploma.

King's Lake Camp to Be Held August 10-19

Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in the area of the Yukon Presbytery jointly sponsor a young people's summer camp to be held at King's Lake in the Matanuska Valley, August 10-19.

S-J Junior College Building Postponed

Construction on the new Sheldon Jackson Junior College building will begin April 1, 1947, according to latest plans of Leslie Yaw, president.

Original plans approved by the Board of National Missions called for the wrecking of the Richard Allen Memorial Building on April 27 this year. However, on the advice of the builder, J. B. Warrack, the later date was chosen because materials, especially steel, are hard to get, shipping is uncertain, carpenters are scarce, the building fund drive in Alaska is now only a little over $15,000, almost $25,000 short of the minimum $40,000 needed.

Metlakatla Church Dedicates Hammond

Metlakatla Presbyterian Church dedicated a new Hammond electric organ at the meeting of Alaska Presbytery, Thursday, evening, April 4. The organ was dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. Edward Marsden, the first pastor of the Church and a lover of music. The Rev. George J. Beck gave the address telling many of the things about Marsden's life. The Rev. Edward D. Freeman played selections on the organ.

Easter Sunday in Metlakatla began with a sunrise service. At the 11 o'clock service, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to twelve infants and adults, and eight persons were received into the Church on profession of faith. At 3 o'clock the Sunday School had its regular Easter service with a record attendance. The choir sang the Easter cantata, "C[illegible] and Crown" at the 7:30 se[illegible]

St. Lawrence Island In Temporary Switch

With the loss of the government school at Savoonga, on St. Lawrence Island, the local congregation also lost its place of worship. It is proposed that the Rev. Elmer Parker and his wife go to Savoonga to take charge of building a Church and Alice Green take the work at Gambell. This would be an exchange of workers until the project would be completed.

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"Mrs. X—Lives Anew"—

I have read that birth notices in Madagascar are written in this manner: "We have the honor to announce that Mrs. X lives anew."

There's a mighty important idea behind that whimsical way of phrasing it! It is common speech with the people of Madagascar, apparently; but only occasionally does it really register in our minds that the youth of today will be the men and women of tomorrow. Life is a great procession, and before the reviewing stand will pass rank after rank, the hindermost of today receiving tomorrow the plaudits of the Judge.

It is trite for me to say that the Church has an important part in preparing these latter marchers for their appearance before the Judge. But a phrase in the newspaper one night startled me with regard to our responsibility here. In praising the public schools, someone said that if the Churches and homes did as fine a job as the schools, we wouldn't need to worry about childhood vagrancies.

There's an implied criticism there, and I don't like it. Neither do you, I suppose. Is the Church school failing in its job? Maybe it is. But why? Two things are obvious :

(1) The people that ought to be teachers in Sunday schools do not always accept that responsibility. We cannot offer to pay teachers. We depend upon volunteers. We need more teachers devoted to their task. It is only once a week that the classes meet, but that once a week is terribly important.

(2) Children do not come regularly to Sunday school. That is, only a minority are present three Sundays out of four! Why? Just one thing is the chief cause: their parents don't bring them, nor do they go to Church regularly themselves.

Ahmaogak Prepares For Gospel Ministry

En route to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in Atlantic City, New Jersey is Elder Roy Ahmaogak of the Ootkeavich Presbyterian Church, Barrow, Alaska — most northerly community on the North American continent. Roy has never been below the Arctic Circle before and is to be outside for a year before returning to his native Barrow. After the Assembly meetings Roy will proceed to Oklahoma where he will do some language work and later on—working with a representative of the American Bible Society—will help in the translation of portions of the New Testament in the Arctic Eskimo dialect. The basis of his work will be the several years foundation work which the Rev. Fred Klerekoper did during his pastorate in Barrow.

From Oklahoma, Roy will go back to New Jersey to attend the Bloomfield Theological Seminary. This work in addition to much training he received under Dr. Henry W. Griest and the Rev. Fred Klerekoper would prepare him for ordination to the Presbyterian ministry.

Roy is 48, has acted as an interpreter since his youth, taught school for fourteen years, has been an elder for fifteen years, and was licensed to preach the Gospel two years ago. He has been the minister of the Wainwright Church, 80 air miles west of Barrow for the past two years, interrupting his work there to take charge of the Church in Barrow between the time when the Rev. Mr. Klerekoper left and the Rev. Sam Lee arrived on the field.

Roy had his first automobile ride in Fairbanks. He thinks they are much better than dogsleds and he especially likes our hard packed "trails." Though it was his first car ride, he has flown over 2000 miles over the Arctic Coasts at different times. His greatest fear in Fairbanks was of getting lost. Yet he has made about 25 round trips between Barrow and Wainwright which is 100 miles one-way by dogsled. And he made a round trip by dogsled with Fred Klerekoper to Demarcation Point which is 500 miles to the East along the Arctic coast to the Canadian border. He acted as guide and dogsled driver. Neither does he consider it a great feat to penetrate the interior on hunting expeditions for 50 or 60 miles. But

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Hydaburg Missionary Society Very Active

Fifty-six women comprise the Missionary Society. Forty-five are active members, while eleven are associate members. Within the past year eleven new members have been added.

A monthly devotional service with a special missionary program is given each month at the Church. The offerings from these meetings is turned over to the church treasury or to other benevolent and worthy causes.

This year a special drive was sponsored for clothing to be sent to war-torn Europe. The clothing was washed, mended and ironed. Thirteen good-sized boxes were packed.

Mrs. Samuel G. Davis was presented with an Honorary Membership on the Board of National Missions. Mrs. Davis is the oldest member in the society, and has been active in the group since its organization. The presentation took place on "Mother's Day."

The main goals set for the coming year are help towards the Sheldon Jackson Junior College Building fund and to help the Hydaburg Church to meet its quota for the Restoration Fund.

Fairbanks Church Dedicates Painting

"Come Unto Me," an original oil painting made by the Klagstad Studios of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was dedicated by the Fairbanks Church, Sunday, March 17 at the Morning Worship Service. The frame for the picture was made and the picture hung by Marion Langley of Fairbanks. A similar painting, made by the same studios, hangs in the First Presbyterian Church of Wrangell, Alaska.

The painting is a gift of the Hering family in loving memory of their son and brother, Lieut.-Comdr. Walter Andrew Hering, a member of the Fairbanks Church since January 5, 1930, and the only representative of the U. S. Navy on the Church Honor Roll. Lieut.-Comdr. Hering was born in Fairbanks, was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland in 1938, and served in the U. S. Navy until he was killed by a Japanese suicide plane on April 29, 1945.

MEN RENOVATE KITCHEN

Ray Wotring, pastor of the Cordova Church says, "There is plenty to be done here." Some of the men of the Church are helping to renovate the kitchen.

Wrangell Church Protests Change

It has recently been learned that there is a movement under foot to move the Wrangell Institute to Sitka. The session of the Wrangell Church has written a letter, under date of May 7, to Don Foster, head of the Bureau of Alaska Native Affairs at Juneau. The Alaska Presbyterian is printing the letter with the thought that every Church ought to take similar action, and to encourage as many of its members to write also.

Mr. Don Foster
Bureau of Alaska Native Affairs
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Mr. Foster:

The Presbyterian Church of Wrangell, by vote of its officer, has instructed me to write you in protest against the proposed plan of moving Wrangell Institute to Sitka.

We feel sure that the Bureau does not wish to give the appearance of ill will toward the Church, or of competition with its institutions; but certainly many Alaskans would feel that in so moving the Institute to Sitka, you were setting out to compete directly with Sheldon Jackson School. This will be deeply regretted by the large alumni of the school and by its many other friends in our Territory. Besides this, there are two million Presbyterians in the United States who are helping to support Sheldon Jackson School, as well as paying taxes to support the Bureau of Alaska Native Affairs. We leave you to judge whether they would appreciate this move.

We Presbyterians are proud of Sheldon Jackson School. As you probably know it was the first American school founded for native students in Alaska. It was doing its work long before the government of the United States discovered that it had an educational responsibility in Alaska. Sheldon Jackson, the man whose name it bears, was responsible for the first appropriation of $25,000 made by Congress for the education of our Alaskan children. It was granted on condition that Mr. Jackson would administer it. So it would seem, Mr. Foster, that he was your first predecessor, and the founder of your bureau's work in Alaska. We feel that cooperation and not competition is the right method of paying that debt.

We believe you will agree that

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Lent & Easter Keep Ketchikanites Busy

Pre-Easter meetings in the Ketchikan Church were conducted by Walter Duff, Jr. of Portland, Oregon. He was assisted in the services by John Hinderlie, dramatic baritone, of North Bend, Oregon.

On Good Friday, the combined choirs of the Presbyterian and St. Elizabeth's Protestant Episcopal Churches sang at St. Elizabeth's Church. The Rev. Edward D. Freeman of the Presbyterian Church preached the sermon in the pulpit.

Easter services were well attended, starting with a sunrise service, Easter breakfast, Church School, and the morning service. On Easter Sunday evening the combined Presbyterian-St. Elizabeth's choir sang six chorus numbers from Handel's "Messiah" in the Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Barclay Johnson, St. Elizabeth's rector, preached the sermon. Erling Leding of the Ketchikan Daily Alaska Fishing News, in his column "Leding Notes" said, "The St. Elizabeth and Presbyterian Choir, under the capable leadership of William Salt, out-did themselves last night over past performances in delivery, co-ordination and collective tone quality.

"Of all sacred music, my favorite is the Hallelujah's Chorus by Handel. And last night's rendition by this talented group was the best I have heard. . . . The choir did equally well with an equally tough assignment, 'All We Like Sheep' also from the Messiah. Another selection from this famous work, 'Since by Man Came Death,' was favorably received. It has earned the reputation of being the least enjoyed of the 53 numbers because of its difficult passages and poor delivery but this group of singers, which is far and away the best Ketchikan has produced, put it across without a hitch.

" . . . It is my sincere belief that this choir should offer more recitals so that more people may be able to hear them as they never turn away a bad customer. Their careful training and poise are first noticed but their rich tone qualities are never forgotten."

On Sunday evening, April 28, the combined choirs of the Presbyterian, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal, Lutheran, and Metlakatla Presbyterian Churches together with the Ketchikan Community Chorus and the Ketchikan Community Male Chorus gave a sacred concert at the Lutheran Church.

Summer Conference May 28th-June 4th

"Thine Is the . . . power" is the theme of this year's Alaska-Westminister Fellowship Summer conference to be held at Sheldon Jackson School, Sitka, Alaska, May 28-June 4.

Seniors and young people are invited to this conference. Seniors are 15, 16, and 17 year olds, or 14 year olds who have completed the 9th grade. No one under 14 is eligible, regardless of school grade. Young people are those who are from 18 to 23 years old, or who are 17 and have been graduated from high school.

A $5 registration fee should be sent in advance. $10 additional must be paid upon arrival at Sitka. Transportation will be furnished on the Princeton - Hall and the SJS II.

Classes offered this year are: Am I Really a Christian?; The Old Testament Story; Adventuring in Prayer; Drama and Pageantry in the Church; and The Church at Work in America.

Dr. Gilbert F. Close, director of summer conferences for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., will be the dean. The Rev. Alfred D. Swogger will be the dean of boys. Mrs. Isabell Booth of Juneau will be dean of girls. Twila Porterfield of SJS will be the assistant dean of girls. The Rev. Kenneth Fox will be the vesper speaker. Leslie Yaw is the registrar-secretary. Others on the faculty and staff include the Rev. Alwin E. Gall, the Rev. Jackson L. Webster, the Rev. and Mrs. Elwood B. Hunter, the Rev. Edward D. Freeman, the Rev. Dr. John T. Faris, the Rev. Paul H. Prouty, Fern R. Gabel, Georgia Conley, Gladys Whitmore.

960 Attend Services In Anchorage Church

960 people attended Church services of the Community Presbyterian Church of Anchorage at its three services on Easter Sunday.

The morning service was held in the high school auditorium to accommodate the 720 worshippers who attended this service. Special committees helped to convert the stage into a worshipful atmosphere. The combined Senior and Junior choirs sang for the service. A sunrise service and the evening worship were held in the Church sanctuary.

244 enrolled pupils plus a large number of visitors attended sessions of the Church school also.

Palmer Church Goes Forward With Alfsen

The United Protestant Church of Palmer, which is sponsored by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, has taken active steps to increase its measure of support to the pastor, the Rev. Victor Alfsen. During the last few months new life has been shown in benevolences, restoration fund, and Church extension. For years this group carried the responsibilities for the King's Lake Camp, Incorporated. Still interested in this project, the United Protestant Church looks forward to the $30,000 chapel, dining room, and assembly hall on the camp grounds.

Nineteen Students Join The Church

At the communion service on Good Friday, nineteen S.J.S. students joined the Presbyterian Church of Sitka. Those who joined on confession of faith in Christ were Irene Benson, Helen Davis, Ida Huff, Cecelia Felton, Elaine Abraham, Evelyn Simpson and Reginald Skeek. Those who came by letter from Haines were Irma Axberg, Lucile Ann Johnson, Mamie Starrish, Marvin Atkinson, Harry Choquette, Charles Nicolet, and Richard Paul. Elmer Mork joined on reaffirmation of faith, the record of the Hoonah Church, to which he belonged, having been burned in the fire . Joining in Affiliated Membership for a closer connection here during their student years were Violet Booth, Kenneth Leask, Theodora Allen, and Reginald Nathan. Earlier in the year, Eva Degnan and Ida Kootuk joined the church on confession of faith.

We read that "The National WCTU will continue to press for enactment in Congress of the Capper bill to keep alcoholic beverages advertising out of interstate commerce, and the Johnson bill to ban similar advertising on the radio."

Dust thou art to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul.—Longfellow.

Student Body Elects Officers

The adoption of the constitution and the nomination of officers were the main items of business of the first meeting of the Student Body Organization of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, held Friday morning, April 12. John Williams acted as temporary chairman, and Edward Benson as temporary secretary.

After the chairman of the Constitution Committee had read the constitution, it was acceped as the report of the committee. Then it was voted upon ,section by section, for adoption as the constitution of Student Body Organization. It was carried by 110 votes to 0.

The next order of business was the nomination of the following officers for next year: one president, one vice-president, one secretary-treasurer, one junior college freshman, one senior representative, one junior representative, one sophomore representative, and one freshman representative. Following the nominations, each candidate made a short campaign speech.

On Saturday, April 13, everyone who signed the new constitution went to the polls to vote for the new officers. Those elected were: John Borbridge, president; Kenneth Hansen, vice-president; Emma Nicolet, secretary-treasurer; John Borbridge, junior college sophomore representative: Irene Benson, junior college freshman representative; Ellen Hope, senior representative; Jack Booth, junior representative; Ronald Johnson, sophomore representative; and Charles Nicolet, freshman representative.

The senior class was in charge of the polls. There were three individual booths for the voters. Two persons ran the registration office and two officiated at the ballot boxes. The first election of the Student Body organization was wel carried out.

The true motives of our actions, like the real pipes of an organ, are usually concealed; but the gilded and hollow pretext is pompously placed in the front for show.—C. C. Colton.

Wrangell Church Protests Change

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throughout the seventy years of its history, Sheldon Jackson School has done a valuable piece of educational work for Alaska. And we feel bound to protest against our government's weakening the work of this pioneer school by setting up a competitive boarding school for native students less than a mile from its campus.

Wrangell Institute, our government school at beautiful Shoemaker Bay, is serving a very similar student body to that of S.J.S., and doing it well, as we who live in Wrangell can testify. Though their curriculums are similar, there are marked differences between the two schools in rules, requirements and customs. Today there is no friction between them, largely because of the 200 miles of islands and straits that lie between Wrangell and Sitka. Should the government pick up Wrangell Institute, as this new plan proposes, and set it down beside Sheldon Jackson at Sitka, it takes no great wisdom to foresee the jealousy and friction that would immediately develop. For example: the Sheldon Jackson school does not allow smoking—the Institute does; the Institute charges no tuition—S.J.S. charges a yearly fee for each student.

The present contacts of the two schools, such as basketball games, are friendly and pleasant; but such occasional contacts are very different from having two nearly identical schools in continual competition in the same town.

Moreover, there are three schools already serving Sitka. Surely this change is not needed for the benefit of the children of that community. The present location of the Institute was chosen as being most central for the native population of Southeastern Alaska. And we believe that is still a good reason for leaving the school where it is.

We request that you use your influence as head of the Bureau of Alaska Native Affairs to oppose this plan.

JACKSON L. WEBSTER.

MAN'S SETTING AND GOD'S SETTING

I find the requisite suggestion in a verse of the Psalmist—"I have set the Lord always before me." That is a "setting" on my part, which will issue in a responsive "setting" on the part of God. I determine the direction of gaze; He will determine the character of my life. I "set the Lord always before me"; He will "set my feet upon a rock." He will "set my feet in a large place.' He will "set before me an open door." . . . It is not a temporary vision; it is a fixed outlook. It is not a Sabbath contemplation; it is a permanent background of the week. If the Lord is "always before me," then everything else which may obtrude into the line of sight will be seen in relationship to God. I shall see nothing by itself; everything will be seen in divine company.—Dr. J. H. Jowett.

Skagway Church Busy, Expects New Pastor

The Skagway Presbyterian Church had a series of well-attended "Family Church-Nights" during Lent. A pot-luck supper, folowed by devotions, Bible study, and a social program afterwards, were held each Wednesday evening.

Extensive alterations and redecorating of the Church is now in progress. The choir loft has been enlarged and arranged as a chancel. Celotex planking has been used on the interior. An oil painting or a velvet drop is being considered behind the Communion table. The Church Community Center is almost completed, although it has been used extensively for the past six months.

Good Friday services were held from 12 to 3 p.m. with services for all the school children from 2:15 to 3 p.m. "The Easter Story in Color" was shown in the four wards of the T.B. Sanatorium by the Rev. Harold F. Fredsell.

Both the Youth choirs and the Senior choir sang at the Easter morning service which taxed the capacity of the Church. A Sunday School breakfast was held at 9 a.m. Holy Communion was served to some of the patients at the Sanatorium in the afternoon. A large delegation from the staff of the Hospital attended the evening service as well as the "Open House" fellowship at the manse following.

A farewell reception to the Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Fredsell and Margaret Anne was given by the Church and community at the recreation center on Monday evening, April 22.

Officers of the Women's Church Auxiliary served refreshments. A presentation of a generous purse from the community was made by Dr. C. L. Polley. Mrs. Charles Rapuzzi, president of the Women's Church Auxiliary presented to Mrs. Fredsell on behalf of the

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Presbytery Helps In Re-Dedication of Ship

Alaska Presbytery rededicated the M.S. Princeton-Hall Saturday, April 6, at the Metlakatla city float. The service was led by the Rev. Willis R. Booth, moderator of the Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. J. Earl Jackman outlined the purposes for which the boat was dedicated. The Rev. Verne J. Swanson and the Rev. Paul Prouty also spoke. The Rev. Edward D. Freeman presided at the ship's organ, a gift of Miss Emma M. Stauffer, missionary stationed at Kasaan.

Haines-Klukwan Choir Help Easter Services

Thirteen new members were received into full communion in the Haines Church on Easter Sunday morning. Five young people received into the church were also baptized at the same service.

Because the Church was filled to capacity, some of the young people had to stand as seats were not available. So many shared in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, that a brief after service had to be held to take care of those who failed to receive the cup during the regular service.

Easter Sunday evening's service was based on the Negro spiritual, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord." A series of eight kodachrome slides were used to illustrate the theme. Music for the service included the combined Haines-Klukwan choir, Dorothy Callecod, soloist, and Cyrus Peck, violinist.

The Rev. Kenneth Fox, pastor, and Cyrus Peck, lay worker at Klukwan, shared the pulpit for a Good Friday service held from one to three o'clock, giving a series of meditations on the Seven Last Words from the Cross. The combined Haines-Klukwan choir participated in the service.

Alaska Presbyterian Acknowledges Gifts

Contributions to the Alaska Presbyterian thus far are: Laura Adams $1, Richard Nelson $10, the Rev. and Mrs. Jackson L. Webster $1, Sheldon Jackson School $10, Juneau Memorial Church $10, Craig Church $5, Klawock Church $5, Klukwan Church $3, Haines Church $7.70, Hydaburg Church $17.10, Kasaan Church $1, Metlakatla Church $22.60. Thanks!

Each Church is asked to send in 10 cents for each member to help finance The Alaska Presbyterian. To anyone desiring to receive The Alaska Presbyterian by separate mailing, you may subscribe to the paper at $1.00 a year.

COMMISSIONERS TO ASSEMBLY

Commissioners to the 158th General Assembly meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on May 23 from the two presbyteries in Alaska are the Rev. George Betts of Hoonah, representing the Alaska Presbytery, and the Rev. B. J. Bingle of College and Elder Roy Ahmaogak of Barrow and Wainwright, representing Yukon Presbytery.

Barrow Church Busy Under New Leadership

The Reverend and Mrs. Sam Lee and David arrived at Barrow and found the church completely cleaned for their arrival. Reports tell of interesting happenings in rebuilding benches, washing walls, and in general giving the historic church of Barrow a real overhauling. The first big event was a pot-luck dinner. Members of the church brought their choice fish, meat, and "specialties."

Sam Lee reports a thrill at seeing the Eskimo congregation marching to church with their hymn books and their Bibles.

The Lees had an excellent demonstration in travel conditions in Alaska when they were stranded in Fairbanks for a month before they were able to get a plane to Barrow. Harry Champlin, Fairbanks pastor, initiated them into some of the Alaskan ways and customs. They hunted snowshoe rabbits, tried out the skis and snowshoes, and ate "Samburgers." The Fairbanks Winter Carnival gave them an opportunity to see some fine dogsleds in action as well as the excitement of crowning the queen on an ice throne, a gala parade, and a fine demonstration of skating by all the school children.

The Lees also had their first contacts with the Eskimos while in Fairbanks, where about fifty Eskimos attended services regularly.

The Barrow congregation were wreathed in smiles the first Sunday in church services when their new pastor appeared in mismatched mukluks, all that he was able to procure.

New Hoonah Church Dedicated at Easter

Hoonah Church celebrated its sixty-second anniversary Sunday, April 21, with the Rev. Dr. J. Earl Jackman as the speaker. A luncheon was served by the Women's Missionary Society and the Board of Trustees.

On Monday, April 22, the new Church was dedicated by the Presbytery of Alaska. The Rev. Willis R. Booth, moderator of the Presbytery, presided, and the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff, preached the sermon. Others participating in the service were the Rev. Paul Prouty, the Rev. George R. Betts, and lay worker Andrew Wanamaker. The Angoon Choir sang two anthems, and Mrs. Roland B. Burrows of the Northern Light Church in Juneau sang "The Holy City" by Adam.

Sitka Church Shows New Spiritual Vigor

Since the arrival of the Rev. and Mrs. Elwood B. Hunter, the First Presyterian Church of Sitka has found new vigor. The pastor has, properly, placed most emphasis on growth in the spiritual life, centering in the prayer meeting.

Thirty-five members have been received into fellowship with the Church: twelve on confession of faith in Christ; eighteen by letter from other Churches; four by affiliated membership; and one by reaffirmation of faith.

A Young People's Christian Endeavor Society has been organized with 33 active members. This is in addition to the Christian Endeavor groups at Sheldon Jackson school.

Boy Scout Troop 643, sponsored by the Church, has been organized with seven adult scouters on the Troop Committee, and 15 tenderfoot Scouts, all without previous experience in scouting.

Campfire Girls, with 22 members, have been organized and sponsored by the Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Glen Morgan is the Guardian.

Half of the Sitka Church's Restoration Fund quota of $1091.82 has been paid. $106.45 was given by Sheldon Jackson School thru a special offering taken on Good Friday and the sacrifice of meat on Palm Sunday and another day.

Midweek prayer meeting is held regularly with an average attendance of 15. Prayer has been the subject of study for the past few months.

A Women's Bible Study Class has been started which meets each Thursday afternoon with an average attendance of eight women.

A Joy Club for seven and eight year olds meets on Friday afternoon in the manse for Bible study. There is an average attendance of ten children at these meetings.

Carolyn Matthews Sees Alaska Work

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Sitka. On June 9 she will fly from Juneau to Cordova to spend a day there. On June 10 she wil fly to Anchorage and spend a day there. On June 11 she will go by bus to Palmer to spend a day there. On June 12 she will return to Anchorage. On June 14 she will fly to Fairbanks. On June 17 she will fly to Juneau. On June 20 will she will fly to Seattle.

Work on Craig Manse Stymied by Strikes

Work on the Craig manse has just about come to a halt because the doors and windows which have been ready for shipment for sometime have been held up by the strike. Wiring and plumbing is also held up due to lack of supplies.

The week day Bible Club for the boys and girls closed several weeks ago with a Friday evening program. One of the features of the program was a competitive Bible reference and verse hunt. First year diplomas were presented to all who had finished certain memory and study work. Five of the members earned name inscribed leather Bibles by memorizing a special set of scripture verses.

The Rev. Verne J. Swanson was elected to the new dry City Council which has improved the liquor situation somewhat by a Sunday closing law. The population of Craig is increasing with returning servicemen, old-timers, and strangers. It has possibly 350 now.

Alaska Represented At Women's National

Mrs. Verne J. Swanson, president of the Alaska Presbyterial Society, attended the National Meeting of Women's organizations of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 10-17, as the representative of Alaska Presbyterial.

Mrs. Ted Benson of Metlaaktla was a guest of the Board and a speaker on the program. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Wurster of Sheldon Jackson Junior College in Sitka were also in attendance. Mr. Wurster was chosen as one of a number of missionaries to represent the work of the Board of National Missions in the special areas they serve.

Skagway Church Busy,

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women a beautiful three-piece ivory carving set. Letters of commendation were presented by the Skagway Common Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Boy Scout troop acknowledging the contributions to the community made by the Rev. and Mrs. Harold F. Fredsell.

The Rev. and Mrs. John K. Dodge and family from Chicago, Illinois are expected in Skagway as the resident pastor about the middle of June. In the interim, the Church is being served by the Rev. Dr. John T. Faris, formerly of the Board of Christian Education.

Princeton-Hall Crew Find Work Satisfies

May's glorious sunshine has brought with it the opportunity for paint and preservation on the "Princeton-Hall." The long winter's rain, with alternate ice and thaw, had the entire exterior paint surfaces badly deteriorated. Much scraping for removal of scale had to be done. Andrew Wanamaker has repaired the life boats and done some essentials on the boat missionary's manse at 814 Gold Belt in Juneau.

But the most satisfying experiences to members of the Princeton-Hall's crew come with the special services of worship such as have been held in Kake, Angoon, the new Church dedication at the Hoonah village, the Juneau Memorial Church choir and evangelistic messages taken to Klukwan, Haines, and Skagway.

Teamwork Puts Out Results at Klukwan

Reconstruction of the Klukwan manse and Church has been temporarily halted due to lack of material held up by the shipping strike.

In March the reconstruction work started under the leadership of Andrew Wanamaker, Board of National Missions carpenter. Mr. Wanamaker was assisted by Bill Sparks and his electricians, who wired the building and installed the new light plant, Victor Hotch and his bricklayers, Dan Katzeek and his hod carriers, Arthur Johnson and his painters. All departments worked efficiently and produced results. The Women's Missionary Society prepared two or three meals a day to serve to all the workers.

Ahmaogak Prepares For Gospel Ministry

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turning this way and that as one shops in town causes Roy to lose his sense of direction which greatly confuses him.

Roy will be missing all the hunting in Barrow for whales, seal' walrus, polar bears, geese and caribou. Just for good measure—before he left Barrow, he and his son, one of eleven children, went out on the ice and shot and killed a polar bear.

Roy says, "My only hope is that because of this trip, I will be of more value to my people and that the money spent will not be in vain."

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Program Set-Up For Evangelism

A program of evangelism has been set up by the United Promotion committee of the Presbytery of Alaska for the coming winter. A tentative schedule of meetings has been set up:

Nov. 4-10, Klawock, speakers: the Rev. Alwin Gall, the Rev. Paul Prouty, and Willie Duguqua.

Nov. 12-15, Craig, speakers: the Rev. E. D. Freeman and the Rev. Paul Prouty.

Nov. 26-29, Hydaburg, speakers: Miss Emma Stauffer and the Rev. A. D. Swogger.

Jan. 7-10, Metlakatla, speakers: the Rev. Elwood Hunter and the Rev. Paul Prouty.

Jan. 12-15, Ketchikan, speakers: the Rev. Elwood Hunter and the Rev. Paul Prouty.

Jan. 17-19, Wrangell, speakers: the Rev. Paul Prouty and the Rev. E. D. Freeman.

Jan. 20-26, Petersburg, speakers: the Rev. V. J. Swanson, the Rev. J. L. Webster, the Rev. Paul Prouty and Arthur Johnson.

Feb. 3-9, Angoon, speakers: the Rev. Paul Prouty, the Rev. Walter Soboleff, and elders from the Juneau Memorial Church.

Feb. 10-16, Hoonah, speakers: Andrew Gamble, the Rev. J. L. Webster, and the Rev. Paul Prouty.

Feb. 18-23, Kake, speakers: the Rev. George Betts, the Rev. J. L. Webster, the Rev. Paul Prouty, and elders from the Hoonah church.

March 3-9, Klukwan, speakers: the Rev. Walter Soboleff, the Rev. Kenneth Fox, the Rev. John Dodge, and Andrew Gamble.

March 10-16, Haines, speakers: the Rev. Walter Soboleff, the Rev. John Dodge, and Andrew Gamble.

March 17-23, Skagway, speakers: the Rev. Elwood Hunter and the Rev. Kenneth Fox.

No dates have been arranged as yet with Sitka or the Memorial Church in Juneau.

Dorothy Nichols New D.R.E. At Fairbanks

Dorothy Nichols arrived in Fairbanks July 8 to assume the position of Director of Religious Education in the Fairbanks Church. Miss Nichols has a Master of Arts degree in religious education from Boston University and has done graduate work in social service at the University of Chicago. She has spent a number of years teaching in the Week-day Schools of Religion in Ohio and in the first such school to be set up in Chicago. During the depression, she was engaged in social service work as child welfore worker for the Illinois Department of Public Welfare for seven years. Prior to coming to Alaska, she worked for the War Relocation Authority, living for a while in the Colorado River Relocation Center at Poston, Arizona.

Miss Nichols has worked with various church groups teaching and supervising in the church school, advising young people's groups, and has taught in leadership training schools both colored and white, as well as in camps and assemblies in the Chicago area.

As director of religious education in the Fairbanks church, Miss Nichols plans to develop a leadership training program for teachers in the church school. She will continue to work with the young people's program which is serving an ever increasing number of service men from Ladd Field.

KASAAN MEETS QUOTA

Services were held on both Sunday and Monday evenings in the Kasaan church this summer during the cannery season. Miss Emma Stauffer reports a good turn out of transients for services this summer.

Kasaan's full quota for the Restoration Fund has been raised and some money set aside for further repairs on the church and manse.

Adult Program at SJJC, Sept. 18-30

"Learn of Me" is the theme of the second annual adult Christian Workers' and Homemakers, School to be held at the Sheldon Jackson Junior College, September 18-30, under the joint sponsorship of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College and the Presbytery of Alaska cooperating with the Board of National Missions.

The Rev. Dr. Jesse Baird, president of the San Francisco Theological Seminary ,will be the Spiritual leader and Bible Teacher. A leader for Women's Work is also expected from the States. Courses will be offered in Bible, Women's Work, Children's Work in the Church, Church Music, Evangelism and Stewardship.

The tuition for the school is $20.00, which includes fare on the Princeton-Hall or SJS II and board and room while in attendance.

Any adult interested in a challenging Christian experience and the advancemnet of the Presbyterian Church in southeastern Alaska is welcome to attend this school. Registrations should be sent to Mr. Leslie Yaw, Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sitka, Alaska, just as soon as possible .

CRAIG HAS BIBLE CLUB

The Children's Bible Club of the Craig Church will resume activities in October. This will be the second year of a four year program planned for the children of this church from age nine and up. The Club meets weekly.

Work on the Craig manse will go forward with such materials as are on hand. Window frames and cabinets ordered several months ago are still on the list of "expected materials."

A new Hammond electric organ was installed in the Palmer church early in August.

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World-Wide Communion

In these days of confusion as an aftermath of the war through which we have come, Christians must maintain an unbroken and unbreakable fellowship.

On October sixth, World Wide Communion Sunday, followers of Christ everywhere will gather about our Lord's Table to remember our common need as Christians, our fellowship in Christ around the world, our responsibility to meet the needs of men in keeping the Great Commission. The world-wide observance of the Lord's supper will cross the frontiers of race, break through barriers of prejudice, and rise above the selfish ambitions of nations and individuals.

In obedience to Him Who said, "This do in remembrance of me," all who love Christ are called to gather about their Lord's table on the first Sunday in October and recommit themselves to the unfinished task of His Eternal Kingdom.

This communion service may be just another communion service to us or it may be the peak of all the spiritual experience we have had. But every great experience takes preparation. Before you can listen to a symphony concert and feel the chills run down your spine, you must prepare yourself to understand and receive that music. Before you can be inspired by great oratory that will spur onto great actions, you must be in a receptive state of mind. And just as truly, the spiritual uplift you receive from the Communion will depend upon how you have prepared your heart to receive it. The grudges you hold, the hatred in your heart, the sins unconfessed, stand as a stone wall between you and your Lord. Unless those barriers are removed, we are not worthy to be counted as partakers of Christ's love. If we are hypocrites in our pious show of taking the communion, we do not fool God, we only deceive men and rob ourselves.

If Unused

The tragedy of the unused contribution envelope is the missed opportunity to extend the knowledge of Christ's love and the civilizing influences of His Church Not only Christian charity at home, but the evangelization of foreign fields is dependent upon your loyalty.

The programs which your church and others carefully work out affect thousands of souls to whom Christianity has not yet become a workable faith. You can understand the whole great program only by attending the various meetings of your church organizations. Such attendance is a part of your duty as a Christian, and is the primary way in which you demonstrate your belief that your church has a vital place in the affairs of the world.

Devotion

Disraeli, Queen Victoria's beloved prime minister, is reported by all his biographers to have been sincerely and beautifully devoted to his wife. No matter how busy the day, he was punctilious in observing the little rituals with which they evidenced their love and devotion. The chief of these was his daily gift of one rosebud.

Your morning prayer is your rosebud of devotion to your Father. Offering it should be more than mere duty. It should be one of the chief joys of the day, the confidence given the most intimate, kindly, understanding friend that the day will discover.

Do you begin every day with prayer?

Often we err in making ourselves our own center and thinking more of our claims on others than of our obligations to them.

Savoonga Prays for Village's Unsaved Man

128 of the 134 residents of the village of Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island are Presbyterians. Of the six in the village who are not Presbyterians, five are Seventh Day Adventists and only one has not accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. The village is all hoping and praying that Norman will soon join them in the fellowship of Christ. This spring just before Easter, Norman along with several others from Savoonga left Gambell, 50 miles away by dog team to return to their homes. All of them arrived safely at home but Norman. He was slow and before he arrived he got lost in a snow storm. It was over two weeks before he was found. Most of that time it had been too stormy to look. Each time the men would start out they would be caught in a storm and have to make camp. By the time the storm would be over they would be out of dog food and have to return to town to get more food. All this time the whole village continued to pray for Norman's safety. Finally over two weeks from the time of his disappearance he was found and returned to the village little the worse for his experience. When he came in the people had a service of thanksgiving in his home with his family. Since that time Norman has been attending services regularly and the hope and prayer of the village is that he will be willing to confess Christ as his Saviour and let Him take complete control of his life.

Last March the school house in which Church services had been held was burned to the ground and since then, villagers must worship in groups in the homes. The men meet at one house and the women at another. All the Sunday school classes and Christian Endeavor groups have been meeting at the home of the missionary, Miss Alice S. Green. The hope is that the A.T.G. will bring in a Yak Hut which they can use for services this coming winter so that all can worship together. In the homes they do not have room for the children and so they are losing the early habits they had for attending services. The Board expects to build a new church and manse next summer.

General Assembly

By the Rev. Bert J. Bingle

The 158th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the the U.S.A. opened in Atlantic City on Thursday, May 23. The advanced thought of the next moderator, usually present at other assemblies, was entirely absent this year as far as the rank and file were concerned. There was in its place a spirit of devotion, consecration, and a sense of responsibility engendered by the Pre-Assembly conference. The moderator's sermon and communion were the first things on the docket.

In the Pre-Assembly Conference on Evangelism, Dr. Lampe, last year's moderator, together with many others stirred us to decisions of more action in our ministry. He told one story of a minister who wrote his sermons as he should, but each Saturday he would go over the manuscript with his good wife and they together would cut out anything that might offend any member of the congregation. Dr. Lampe said that we are too careful these days not to offend people. We need souls stirred to action against sin and for Jesus Christ.

Another point that stood out in the Pre-Assembly Conference was advanced by the elders. They claim that when they see work in a particular area that needs to be done, they are too bound down by red tape and continued letters from organizations remote to get action when action needs to be had immediately.

A third point was stressed by another speaker. His point became a motto which continued throughout the Assembly: "Put my church to work! Now!"

Never will I forget the assembling of the missionaries at a special meeting aside from the Assembly at the First Presbyterian Church. The auditorium was filled with ladies and a few men. Both the Foreign and National Board missionaries were to march up in front, tell who they were and what they were or had been doing, then pass off the platform. I seemed to find myself heading the National group, but following the foreign. One after another of other from the same platform. He these foreign missionaries arose and spoke in words like this: My name is ———. For the past three years I have been a prisoner in Korea, or in China, or in Japan, or in the Philippines. Or the condition would be changed, for the past three years they had been hiding in the Philippines, or hiding on some other island of the sea. That word "hiding" had more sounds of wildness and heroism to it than even being a prisoner which certainly was bad and frought with hardships. The work was still being conducted by those in hiding from the caves of the earth or the mountain fastnesses. Who was I to get up and tell where I had been when this holocaust of civilization was going on? I felt I needed to re-examine my motives, tasks, and accomplishments.

After communion and the election of the new moderator the business of the Assembly was taken up in its regular order. Standing committees were appointed whose reports compose the meat of the Assembly's work. These covered every phase of the church's life. Day after day their respective committees would bring in their reports. Lunch or dinner time meant nothing to the Assembly if a report had to be considered. Seriousness was the underlying thought of every detail.

The committee on Christian Education spurred us on to do a more thorough and extensive task in instructing the youth and the adults of the Church. That task needs to go with the boy and girl to our church colleges, it makes us create or retain more of our church instituitons of learning. It makes us accompany our youth to the state universities with our Westminister Foundations and our student pastors. Finally that task takes us to our theological seminaries where we give a still better training to our preachers and pastors of tomorrow.

The Foreign and National missions reports created much interest. Foreign countries have particular problems at the present. We need to re-enter Japan, China, and other far Eastern countries with more missionary personnel than ever before. The report was climaxed with the urgent request of a fine Christian Japanese woman from Tokio. "The "Macedonian call" came to each and every one of us. One could see and feel the tie that was never broken, Christian with Christian, even though our countries were at war with one another.

When the Committee on Social Education and Action presented its report, it had an unusual setting. We had just passed the crisis of the railroad strike. The coal miners were still out. The maritime strike was threatening with a possible tie up of food to a hungry and starving world. Should we back the president in forcing men to work? How can we create conditions in industry that will make men wish to remain at their labors? With seriousness each and every commissioner wanted his church to be effective in this and other possible crucial hours. That effectiveness must bring more of the Kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of each person concerned. As it is easy for ill-chosen words to portray misleading attitudes with each resolution there was a struggle for just the right words. This kept us long past the dinner hour, really running us into the night program. But, the resolutions adopted are a compliment to the Assembly and should be seriously considered by every Presbyterian member. They should be given a wide circulation to both Labor and Capital.

The Assembly was particularly blessed with speakers of note. John Foster Dulles was present and his emphasis on appeal to a man's reason in regulating his total life brought us to a fresh realization had such an appeal been given in the early days of the war we might have been able to get along without three of the uppermost problems of today: the O.P.A., rationing, and the draft. We were challenged to try a Christian democracy today rather than choose another who will regulate our lives for us. We were also challenged to get moral leadership at the head of our natoin. Seemingly, we have doubted our moral leadership for the last 25 years and have distrusted those who have been over us.

Dr. W. W. VanKirk who headed up the world's ministers conference was also one of the speakers. He substituted for ex-Governor Harold Stassen. Dr. Van Kirk pointed out how ministers of conquered and conqueror nations sat side by side in the same audience and conversed with each

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Women's Assembly

By Mrs. Verne Swanson

The national meeting of the women's organizations of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 10-17, with 1200 in attendance. This number included members and secretaries of the three Boards, special guests, missionaries of the home and foreign fields, and special speakers. This is a quadrennial meeting and the third at which each presbyterial and synodical society was represented by its president or her alternate. It was the first open meeting for registered visitors.

There were four representatives from Alaska: Mrs. Ted Benson of Metlakatla was one of eleven special guests from the home field; Mrs. Verne Swanson, presbyterial delegate; Roland Wurster, missionary of the Board of National Missions and Dean of Sheldon Jackson Junior College; and Mrs. Wurster, a registered visitor.

Forty special guests and missionaries represented the work of our church in fourteen foreign countries. Missionaries home on enforced furloughs during the war were planning to go back to their fields. Twenty-nine guests and missionaries came from stations on the home field.

The fine reports of the many secretaries of the three Boards gave a clear picture of the inclusiveness of the program carried on by the Presbyterian Church. One was impressed anew that this vast organization is quietly and efficiently carrying on the work of reaching "unto the uttermost parts of the earth." It has been and is truly a "church at work in the world."

Stressed by a majority of speakers and striking a responsive chord in the hearts of all was the need for the breaking down of barriers between races. The subject was stirringly presented in an address by Dr. Leland S. Cozart, president of Barber-Scotia College, when he said, "The Christian must recognize, believe in, and practice equality in God. . . . We must be the answer rather than find the answer in all relations, if we would find the road away from racial hates and walk together as children of God under a banner of love." He called our attention to the scripture, "God has created of one blood all nations."

Another, the Rev. H. N. Morse, president of the Home Missions Council, made a plea that Christians strive to "bridge the gap dividing peoples." Dr. E. Fay Campbell of the Board of Christian Education urged that no one "stand in the way of the young people who are striving to solve the problem of segregation."

Climaxing these and other speeches on the same subject was the unforgettable contribution of the Rev. Tamaki Uemura, first civilian from Japan since the war to visit this country. Silence reigned as she came forward to offer the closing prayer on the evening of her arrival, "O God, our Father, Father of Jesus Christ whose seamless garment we have torn, whose Body we have caused to bleed, we come to Thee, to the Cross of Thy Son, and beseech Thee for Thy Forgiveness. Thou bearest our infirmities. Thou bleedest for our souls. We have sinned before Thee and against Thee only. The torn garment is restored only when we become one in Thee, all the peoples of the earth. Thou hast already begun restoring the unity of Thy people. Thy work is to be carried on to its fulfillment. We intercede for those in other lands who are thinking of us in this gathering, and especially for those who have been alienated by human devices from the beloved people of this land. Restore our unity, one with another. Now, we offer before Thee a token of our dedication of ourselves to Thine own work of restoration, of giving light and life and order to the world. Accept it and purify it, and with it, ourselves for Thyself. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen." When her prayer was finished there was no doubt but what this one was accepted and loved, and for her people, at least, a beginning of the breaking down of racial barriers had been made.

Surely this meeting at Grand Rapids was typical of the "Church which is His Body"—all races working together "one in Christ Jesus".

MARTHA SOCIETY

On August 30, the past presidents of the Martha Society of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church in Juneau were hostesses to the Society at a one o'clock luncheon in the church parlors in honor of the president, Mrs. Josephine Boyd, who is going to the States for a visit, and her house guest, Mrs. Dunn.

Officers to Aid Women's Groups

Officers of the Alaska Presbyterial Society will visit fifteen cities and twenty-one women's missionary societies between October 10 and November 10. Presbyterial officers making the trip will include Mesdames Verne J. Swanson, E. D. Freeman, Elwood Hunter, Ted Benson, and J. L. Webster.

In each of the churches a two-day session will be held with an afternoon and evening program, which will include: 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Women's groups; 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Children's hour; 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Popular evangelistic meeting.

The purpose of these two day meetings is to bring the officers of the Presbyterial society closer to the local members, and to help in spiritual and organizational problems "that we will build a stronger faith and a richer spirit into our own living; share in the program of Spiritual Advance of our Church; and with the help of God in Christ Jesus, to renew the resources of our inward lives that they may be abundant, unafraid, radiant, victorious."

Officers will travel on the M.S. "Princeton-Hall" and will follow this schedule:

Craig	October 10-11
Klawock	12-13
Hydaburg	14-15
Metlakatla	17-18
Ketchikan	19-20
Kasaan	21-22
Wrangell	23-24
Petersburg	25-26
Kake	27-28
Juneau	30-31
Haines	November 1-2
Klukwan	3-4
Skagway	5-6
Hoonah	7-8
Angoon	9-10

AUXILIARY COOK-BOOKS

The Skagway Women's Auxiliary have just published a new cook book. Sales so far on the book have been highly satisfactory. Tourists have purchased many of the books as souvenirs.

Akootchook Preaches On Barter Island

Andrew Akootchook, an elder in the Ootkeavich Presbyterian Church, Barrow, Alaska and a licentiate in the Yukon Presbytery, carries on missionary work at Barter Island and along the Arctic coast down to Beechey Point. The people do not stay together, but live in isolated igloos, and so Andrew travels to each one visiting them by dog team and by boat.

In winter traveling is harder than in summer. Andrew travels with dog teams and carries a small tent and primus stove and big heavy fur caribou sleeping bag to protect him from cold weather. Sometimes in short days travel he has to use a lantern to find the way. On one trip, in which Andrew was accompanied by his son and another boy, it was snowing and the clouds were very thick in the night. They were on the way home and lost the direction and got turned around without realizing it. Finally they came to some fresh sled tracks, and discovered that they were their own. While they were wondering which way to go, the moon came out, and they were able to find their way to a small igloo nearby, where an old man and his son were living. They woke the old man up, and he made them some good hot tea and biscuits. Andrew was so tired and so sleepy from that adventure that he had an especially good rest that night. They conducted a service there the next day.

In June there is a lot of water on the ice and sharp ice which is hard on the feet of the dogs, so Andrew makes boots for them out of seal flippers and ties them with a piece of line. When they stop, they take the boots off of the dogs and put seal oil on the dogs' feet to keep the feet from drying up.

Last August, Andrew started out from Barter Island by boat to go to Beechey Point. They had only fifteen gallons of gas, not enough to get them to their destination, but there was a strong north east wind; they rigged up a sail to help them travel the 140 miles. They followed the ice to keep them from waves. Toward evening they took the sail down and started the engine because there was too much wind for the sail and also too much ice to bother them in the night. Unable to see the small ice ahead of them, Andrew stood on the bow of the ship to watch for ice and made signals to the man at the pilot wheel. That was rather dangerous travelling, but they had to land somehow. They could not stay outside the ice in the night. As they were coming along, they saw a sand spit but the outside of it was all packed with ice and there seemed to be no way to get through the ice. They continued to travel outside the ice for a long time and finally they saw a very narrow lead toward the sand spit, so they jammed their boat through the opening, but went a little too fast and ran up on the sand bar and broke their wheel. But even so, they were safe now, and very thankful to be alive. After they had eaten, Perry and Vincent tried to pull them out and anchor the boat in deep water, but they had to wait for the high tide to come in. During the night, the boys repaired the wheel, and the next morning the boat was floating and they started out again. They had gone just a few miles when they arrived where a family was staying, so they pulled in and had a service there that evening. The next day they used the sail again, following the sand spit until they arrived at Beechey Point. At Beechey Point they held two weeks of meetings, where some of the people were converted from their sins. At Beechey Point they were able to buy thirty gallons of gasoline with which to get home.

On May 8, they started out from their home on Barter Island with three dog teams and arrived at Brownlow Point the next day where they held a service. On this trip they used sails on their sleds to help the dogs along. When the wind was strong, the dogs had to run to keep up with the sails, but dogs cannot run all the time like the engine of a boat can. So they had to stop and put up camp for the night. The boys cooked the dog feed and after the dogs had a good feed they are good until the next morning. When they got to Beechey Point, they found three families camping there, but not together, but several miles apart. So they stayed there for two days and held a service with each family each day, preaching to them from the Bible. The two days stay at Beechey Point also gave the dogs a chance to get a good rest, before starting out across Harrison Bay, which is fifty miles across.

They started out the next day, and camped that night on the ice. They put their sails on the ice to keep their deerskin mattress from getting wet. They had a Coleman stove along, on which the boys cooked up the dog feed in the evening. In the morning the dogs were fed blubber. When they started out the next morning it was snowing hard. In the afternoon they saw a seal on the ice. On warm days, seals come up on the ice through the seal blow hole. Isaac crawled along the ice towards the seal. When the seal would raise his head, Isaac would lie flat on the ice until the seal would go to sleep again, then Isaac would crawl on until he got close enough to shoot. He made a good shot and killed the seal, providing more good feed for the dogs. It took two days to cross Harrison Bay. Not having a compass, they knew which way to go by the drifted snow. Andrew put a line on their hammer and dropped it down through a seal hole and found that it was just six fathoms deep, and then he knew just how far out they were and exactly where he was. They were on the polar bears' field. They camped there the second night, but put their gun handy in case the Mr. Bear came along in the night. Polar bears hunt in the night and sleep all day. The north wind was blowing, so they used the sails all the way.

When they got to a village there were two families living there. The people were glad to see them and gave them three seals for their dogs. That is their way of helping the missionary work. They were in this village for Sunday and held two services that day. The people were very glad to hear the gospel message and said that they had not heard the Bible verses for a long time, but they had some translations from the Bible from which to read. Andrew says, "It is very good some Eskimo people can read Eskimo translations."

When they reached Barrow, they were welcomed by their friends and met the new missionary, the Rev. Sam Lee, his wife, and son, David. On Sunday evening, Andrew preached at the evening service.

DVBS Program in Alaska Churches

Although not every church has been heard from, indications are that almost every church in the presbyteries of Alaska and Yukon had a Daily Vacation Bible School this summer. Cooperative schools were held at Anchorage, Juneau, and Wrangell.

In Anchorage the Daily Vacation Bible School was under the sponsorship of the ministerial association and had the cooperation of practically every protestant church in town. Over 600 children were enrolled in the school. Pastors of cooperating churches supervised departments and activities.

The Northern Light Church of Juneau shared in a profitable cooperative Vacation Church School, July 15 to 26 with the Methodist, Lutheran, and Episcopal churches. 125 children were enrolled. The beginners department met in the Lutheran Church, the primary department met in the Methodist Church, and the junior and intermediate departments met in the Northern Light Presbyterian Church. According to the Rev. Willis R. Booth, "It was a fine experience and we hope to repeat it again next year."

The Wrangell Church held a cooperative school with the Salvation Army with an enrollment of 50 and an average attendance of 37. About 100 persons attended the demonstration program. The beginners' rhythm band took the prize of popularity on this program, but the exhibit of primary gifts, drew many admirers. The juniors recited their memory work as part of the program. Mrs. J. L. Webster said, "The best thing about vacation school was the fun we all had together as we learned and worked in the Christian way."

The Cordova Presbyterian Church held its school June 3-16, with an average attendance of 30. The lessons were based on the "Life of Christ' and included stories, memory work, songs, and correlated activities. The demonstration program and presentation of certificates was held at the morning worship service on Sunday, June 16, and included songs, recitation of memorized Scripture passages, and presentation of the play, "The Light" by Edith Agnew.

90 were enrolled in the vacation school of the Memorial Church in Juneau, with an average attendance of 60. The Royal Blue bus took the entire school out eighteen miles to a picnic at the end of the school. The children went swimming on the sandy beach and ate their lunches in the cool shade of the picnic shelters. The beauty of the natural surroundings, made a wonderful setting for a devotional period, and the children went home full of the knowledge of God as their Father.

The Rev. and Mrs. Verne J. Swanson were assisted by Ronald and Lou Ann Johnson in the vacation school at Craig, June 24-29. The demonstration program was given at the Sunday morning service, June 30. The school had an average attendance of 30.

Haines Church held a two weeks school in July with an enrollment of 47. Most of the children who attended were from the community. Haines House children did not attend because they had the instruction offered by the Bible School as a part of their regular program. Classes in Bible, music appreciation, and handicraft were given.

At the end of June, the Hydaburg church conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of about 50 boys and girls. The average daily attendance was 38, and 23 of the pupils had a perfect attendance for the full two weeks. The Rev. Alwin E. Gall said, "It was a joyful experience to teach this group, learning new songs, make some Bible stories live, and do things. That is what we must impress upon the mind of the youngsters, that religion and especially Christian teachings, have a real value in every day life. We are certain that attending this D.V.B.S. was to many of the children a worthwhile experience."

42 were enrolled in the vacation school of the Ketchikan church, with an average attendance of 29 for the two weeks. "Jesus, Friend and Lord" by Ruth Powell Elvery was the manual used in all classes. Through this school many of the pupils came to know Jesus Christ as Friend, Lord, and Saviour.

Miss Emma Stauffer was assisted by the Rev. Paul Prouty of the MS Princeton-Hall, Fern Gabel, Ellen Hope, and Polyanna Lott of Sheldon Jackson School in a Vacation Bible School at Kasaan in June. The school had an average daily attendance of 16.

Friday, August 30, completed the two weeks of Vacation Bible School held at the Sitka Presbyterian church. 129 were enrolled with an average daily attendance of 85. This school was made possible by the splendid cooperation of Sheldon Jackson School with the Presbyterian Church. A number of the teaching staff of SJS as well as some of the students took part.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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revealed a kinship in the world, Christian with Christian, that was the strongest tie that unites any people in the world today, certainly much stronger than Christian with non-Christian. If only the world peace conference would display the same spirit and fellowship, we could make a warless world tomorrow. As Christian people today we must begin to think not only in terms of my church, my denomination, but "my world church," not "the world church." We must also think not only of "my state," or "my nation" but "my world." Ours is a cut-flower civilization. When flowers wither you must go back to the roots to get more flowers. So it is with a better culture in the world today. We must go back to Christ to get a new start.

Three things stood out in my mind at the conclusion of the Assembly: First, the length and breadth of the Church. From Barrow to South Africa, from California to the South Sea Islands and the Philippines commissioners were present. Each had his or her important task to accomplish. What a mighty army is the church of God. Second, the depth of the Church. We are out to teach, train, lead, and follow our Lord that every phase of our national life will become Christ-like. That must carry over into our schools, our universities, our industries, our government. Third, the height of our Church. To do the above we cannot do it in and of ourselves. We must give ourselves to God. He and He alone can give us the direction, the strength, and the courage.

Laura Adams Passes Away

Miss Laura Adams, arts and crafts teacher at Sheldon Jackson School, died at Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 3, 1946.

New Skagway Minister Keeps Church Busy

"It looks like a new church," was the comment of many as they entered the sanctuary of the Skagway church, July 28. The sanctuary really does look different with newly varnished ceiling and light Celotex walls with dark Celotex around the bottom. The chancel is especially attractive with its built in, concealed lighting. Olaf Dale did much careful work on it.

Future improvements planned are a painting to hang over the communion table, new side-lights, carpets, and Venetian blinds.

On September 29, the new furnishings will be dedicated at a special service. That day is also Rally Day in the Sunday School. Attendance pins and certificates will be given out. Two new Sunday School classes are projected for the future, a young people's class, and an adult class.

The Rev. John K. Dodge has organized the Cub Scouts and is acting as their scoutmaster. The committee in charge of Cub affairs is Mark Lee, Orrin Edwards, and Don Magnuson.

"Chapel Echoes," a mimeographed news sheet, is a new feature of the Skagway church enjoyed by the entire membership.

287 passengers went to Lake Bennett on the White Pass and Yukon train on the annual Sunday School picnic. Besides the church people and Sunday School children, children from Haines House and the Pius X Mission were guests.

SKAGWAY SANATORIUM

Services are held each Wednesday evening at the Skagway T. B. Sanatorium by the Rev. John K. Dodge, pastor of the Skagway church. The services are well attended by the patients. Nurses and workers have arranged a worship center and are planning a pulpit and also draperies for the windows.

Pastors knowing of patients at the Skagway Sanatorium from your Church are asked to send the names of such patients to the Rev. Mr. Dodge, that he may know who the Presbyterian patients are and be able to minister to them.

Christiaity is a commitment to the highest ideals we know, and a search for the strength to be true to them.

SJS Graduate Prepares for Medical Practice in Alaska

Dr. Frederick Swanson announces in a recent letter his engagement to Miss Elaine Baldwin of Newton, Massachusetts, with no definite time set for the wedding. At present Miss Baldwin is a WAVE officer stationed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, New York, and Dr. Swanson is the Executive Medical Officer at the Naval Receiving Station, Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Swanson came to Sheldon Jackson School as a lad from Haines House to enter the sixth grade in 1929. He received his S. J. S. high school diploma in 1936. He finished his pre-medic course at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, and was graduated from the University of Chicago Medical School, September 23, 1944. After release from active duty with the Naval Reserve, Dr. Swanson expects to practice a year with Dr. Raleigh Van Cleave at Silverton, Oregon, and hopes to return then to his homeland, Alaska.

SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

For the first time in many years, services have been held in the Kake church during the summer months. With the exception of two Sundays, services were held every Sunday with a good attendance of both local people and outsiders working at the cannery.

An exceptionally poor fishing season will hamper the raising of funds for the necessary repairs on church and manse.

Several of the elders are inactive now due to illness. No congregational meeting has been held this year to elect new elders. It is the hope of this church that soon after the seining season is over, a minister may visit them so that the church business can be taken care of properly.

Since his discharge from the Army last spring, Jackson Dan Webster, with his wife and small son, has been staying with his parents at Wrangell. Dan is a bird specialist and has prepared more than 300 bird specimens during the summer. He has now returned to Houston, Texas, to resume his teaching position at Rice Institute.

True courage is like a kite; a contrary wind raises it higher.

Isabel Miller Outlines Haines House Program

Miss Emma Stauffer has been transferred from Kasaan to Haines House, where she will take charge of the kitchen and dining room, assisted by Mrs. Vesta Scott of Hydaburg. Mr. George Williams of Metlakatla is interim supply at the Kasaan Church.

Miss Dorothy Callecod of Haines House has been vacationing in California, but will return for the Christian Workers' and Homemakers' School at Sitka. When she returns to Haines House, she will give part of her time to Christian Education in the community as well as at the Home.

Mission study classes are being planned for November and February to include children from the town as well as Haines House boys and girls.

Haines House recreation hall which Sheldon Jackson friends helped to construct last summer has been in use almost all this summer even though the interior is still not completed. The boys and Miss Olive Fisher painted little chairs and tables for the beginners' department which meets there every Sunday under the leadership of Mrs. Ross Hevel. The beginners' department of the Vacation Church School was also held there. Mrs. Kenneth Fox and the Haines House girls made curtains for the room. Recently the boys gave the building two coats of white paint and green trim, improving on its G. I. appearance considerably. Several community parties have been held in it.

Miss Isabel Miller, the new director of Haines House, says, "It would help a great deal if each community which sends children to Haines House would keep in touch with their progress and take responsibility for their summers after they leave here for Sheldon Jackson or other schools. Having them come back here is not, as a rule, a good plan, nor is turning them loose on their own when they are still so young. We should appreciate help and also advice on this problem. Moccasins, fruit, and vegetables (especially onions) are always welcome."

Miss Eugenia Williams, formerly a member of the Sheldon Jackson School staff, is now serving as matron of the boys' dormitory at Wrangell Institute.

New Staff Members Join Sheldon Jackson

James Paul Robinson, a member of the Park Forest Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Omaha, Nebraska, arrived at Sheldon Jackson School on the North Sea, August 25. Mr. Robinson has finished his second year at McCormick Seminary in Chicago. He will serve one year as an interne on the mission field before completing his training for the ministry. His many and varied duties as Boys' Director will give a wide experience in the program at Sheldon Jackson.

Miss Ora Kuykendall, supervisor of junior boys, is retiring from active service as a national missionary on December 9. Miss Kuykendall has held her present position since 1927 and has established an enviable record. She will begin a vacation trip Sept. 9 to her home state of Texas.

Mrs. W. B. Horton, successor to Miss Kuykendall as junior boys' supervisor, arrived with Mr. Robinson on August 25. After a period of years, this was in the nature of a homecoming for Mrs. Horton, for she served as music teacher and first and second grade teacher on the S. J. S. staff in 1914-16. At that time her boys and girls called her Miss Mallett.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Spivey of Westtown, Pennsylvania, arrived by plane August 29. Mr. Spivey is helping in the general work program and is particularly ready to help with construction activities. Mrs. Spivey has a full time position in the laundry and will be on relief duty for other supervisors.

Miss Jessie Frazer of Hamiota, Manitoba, Canada, flew in on August 29. Her work as dietitian places her in charge of the most important department on the campus, for, like Napoleon's army, the marching process in school life is largely dependent on the condition of the stomach.

Returning to Sheldon Jackson School after an absence of two years, Miss Wilma Warther will head the commercial department.

Dave Webster, third son of the Webster family, has accepted a job as a reporter on the Daily Alaska Empire in Juneau. He was graduated last June from San Jose State College in California.

Princeton-Hall Helps Make Petersburg Service Possible

Helped by the Princeton-Hall, 13 members of the Wrangell church visited Petersburg, August 25, and held an evening service with the congregation at the north end of Wrangell Narrows.

The Rev. Paul Prouty conducted the service. The Rev. J. L. Webster preached the sermon. Mrs. Roland B. Burrows sang a solo, and there were many fine testimonies for the Christian life.

Mrs. Amy Hollingstad apologized that they were not prepared to serve their guests with any of "the famous Petersburg shrimp salad." But a bucket of shrimp and a head of lettuce enabled the visitors to serve themselves as they followed the lights back to Wrangell.

The Rev. Mr. Webster promised to come to Petersburg again October 6 to hold a World-Wide Communion service. The session met to make plans for the coming year.

Rising Tides Began In August at Wrangell

Tides have been rising in Wrangell with better attendance each week since the first Sunday in August. The church picnic was held August 26, with races, games, ice cream, and all the trimmings. Rally Day will be observed September 15, with a combined church and Sunday School service.

Wrangell church has adopted a budget of $2000 for the coming year. This is a ten per cent increase over the current year's $1800 budget, and a forward step toward self-support. Beginning the fiscal year October 1 instead of in April has helped the church finances.

The Youth Budget plan is being adopted at Wrangell this year with 20 sets of envelopes as a start. Young people from nine through high school age are being asked to subscribe. They will keep the records of their giving separate from the adults. It is expected that their gifts will make all the young people's work self-supporting and yield an additional $50 for benevolences.

The church is proud of a 200 per cent increase in her benevolent giving—$360 this year.

It is to our praise to do the best thing in the worst times.

Ambitious Program of Study for Hydaburg

Summer months on the West coast of Prince of Wales Island are traditionally slow, but work was carried on just the same, under the leadership of the Rev. Alwin E. Gall, at the Hydaburg Church.

The pastor and several of the young people attended the young people's summer conference at Sitka. After returning from conference, a special evening service was conducted by students attending the Sheldon Jackson School from the Hydaburg Church. Although it was difficult for some of the boys and girls to express themselves and to put their experience into words, they and the members of the church realized the importance of that institution, and the privilege of sending the young people there, and supporting the school.

Plans for the fall and winter include a plan to enter upon a definite program including Bible teaching, imparting Bible knowledge, Christian stewardship and its practical application, and a course in the Presbyterian Church that the people may know and love better their own denomination. These courses will be in addition to the regular courses in religious week-day instruction of the children, the Sunday School, and worship services of the Church.

Haines Church Meets Quota

Lack of material has stalled general repair work on the Haines Church. At present the men are painting the exterior of the church. As soon as equipment becomes available an electric blower will be installed on the furnace. When materials become available, plans have been laid to brighten up the interior of the church also.

Miss Isabel Miller, the new director of Haines House, is now the Sunday School superintendent and is making plans for the observance of Rally Day. World Wide Communion Sunday will be the occasion for a special offering in behalf of the Restoration Fund even though this church has already met its quota.

A chicken house has been added to the permanent equipment of the manse.

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Barrow Suffers 'Labor Pains'

During the month of June, Barrow began to have "labor pains." Near the end of the month about twenty-five of the Natives began working at the Navy Camp as laborers. It had been hoped that the way might open for their employment as it was believed that the people would benefit from this additional income. The men were given thorough physical examinations and those who passed were hired and began working on Friday, June 28. On Saturday the foreman told the men to report for work on Sunday morning. Saturday evening about nine o'clock one of the men came to his pastor, the Rev. Samuel Lee, and asked him what he should do. Observance of the Sabbath is one thing the Church at Barrow has held to rather tenaciously, and in the mind of the missionary it seemed that the future moral and religious state of the village would depend very much upon the way this problem was met. As soon as the man had finished talking with Mr. Lee, Sam began walking over the village "rounding up" the members of the Session. They were finally all at the Manse at 11:30 Saturday night ready to begin their meeting. After discussing the matter at some length, it was decided that members of the Session and the missionary should meet with the men before they left the village

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NEW JUNEAU MANSE

The Reverend Walter A. Soboleff and family have moved into a new manse located at 10th and B streets in Juneau. The new manse was purchased for the Memorial Church by the Board of National Missions. The old manse has been sold.

Cite Staff Needs for Alaska's Institutions

Alaska's two institutions, under the department of Educational and Medical work of the Board of National Missions, still have vacancies that need to be filled, if these institutions are to run as effectively as they should and so that the burden of the work does not become too heavy on a few individuals.

At Haines House they are short three staff members. They need a girls' supervisor, a kitchen assistant, and someone to take charge of the laundry. It is hoped that the last two workers may be found in Southeastern Alaska soon.

Sheldon Jackson School still needs a nurse, home economics and music instructors. The printing shop, and the shoe repair shop have not been operated by a trained worker for some years. It has also been quite a few years since a trained physical education instructor has been on the campus.

Petersburg Services Continue Pastorless

Mrs. Amy Hollingstad is holding services at three o'clock every Sunday afternoon in the Petersburg church in the absence of a pastor or lay worker. Gloria and Gertrude Hollingstad and Mrs. Sarah McGill carry on the Sunday School.

Mrs. Hollingstad reports that at one of the Wednesday night prayer meetings twenty-six people attended.

The Petersburg Church has been having trouble with their stoves and frozen water pipes. The faithful women have cleaned, and repaired to the best of their ability, but they need the leadership of a consecrated pastor and some consecrated men who will take an interest in the affairs of the Church.

Million Souls for Christ Campaign

Fifty-one million people in the United States of America are outside the organized Christian churches. Fifty-one million people are suffering the greatest lack, so Christians believe, that anyone can suffer—the lack of a strong religious basis for their lives.

The post-war plans of the Presbyterian Church rightfully include the plan for raising the Restoration Fund, for the benefit of churches abroad and at home. Along with this, the spiritual life of America, that has lagged behind its material development, must have a new growth, or the ultimate result will be disaster. Never before has the time seemed so short, as the Christian Church faces its eternal task of winning men and women to Christ.

It is against this background of need that the National Commission on Evangelism, under the leadership of the Rev. Raymond C. Walker, D. D., pastor of the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Penna., chairman, and the Rev. George E. Sweazey, D. D., Secretary of the Department of Evangelism of the Board of National Missions, presented to the General Assembly last May the plan for a three-year forward movement in evangelism, called "The New Life Movement." The movement is to begin January 1, 1947. Its goals are, briefly:

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PRESBYTERIAN PIN

Presbyterians who would like to wear a distinctly Presbyterian pin to indicate their interest and membership may order them through the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff, Box 2838, Juneau, Alaska. The pins contain the words Presbyterian Church and are in the form of the Celtic cross. They are made of sterling silver and cost approximately one dollar.

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Silent Night, Holy Night, All is Calm – All is Bright –

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of men, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.—John 1:10-14.

SEVEN NEW YEAR GUIDES FOR 1947—

1. Trust faith in God. Do not put your trust in yourself, or in things, or in cleverness, or in force, but put your trust in the wise, loving, and powerful God.
2. Trust the light of God for your dark hour. The light is Christ, and his Word, and his promises. He will never fail to help where the going is hardest.
3. Trust prayer. You can pray your way through anything and through any difficulty.
4. Trust an earnest, sacrificial spirit. If necessary, be a splendid failure. Don't shrink from failing if you are attempting to do a worthwhile thing for the good of others or for the Christian cause.
5. Trust Christian love. Never follow prejudice or ill-will, mere partisanship or selfishness. Love can do all things.
6. Trust the call to worship. The Church-going Christian is the Christ-loving Christian. The man who worships on Sunday will remember God during the week.
7. Trust the power of your own Christian testimony. Your friends will be won to Christ through your testimony as no one else's. You are Christ's representative to evangelize your own little world of contacts.

I SINNED

I sinned. And straightway, post-haste, Satan flew
Before the presence of the Most High God,
And made a railing accusation there.
He said, "This Soul, this thing of clay and sod,
Has sinned. 'Tis true that he has named Thy Name,
But I demand his death, for Thou hast said,
'The soul that sinneth, it shall die.' Shall not
Thy sentence be fulfilled? Is justice dead?
Send now this wretched sinner to his doom.
What other thing can righteous ruler do?'
And thus he did accuse me day and night,
And every word he spoke, oh God, was true!
Then quickly one rose up from God's right hand,
Before Whose glory angels veiled their eyes.
He spoke, "Each jot and tittle of the law
Must be fulfilled; the guilty sinner dies!
But wait—suppose his guilt were all transferred
To me, and that I paid the penalty!
Behold My hands, My side, My feet! One day
I was made sin for him, and died that he
Might be presented faultless, at Thy throne!"
That he could not prevail against such love,
For every word my dear Lord spoke was true!

THE SECRET

The weary one had rest, the sad had joy that day,
And wondered how.
A plowman singing at his work had prayed,
"Lord, help them now."

Away in foreign lands they wondered how
Their feeble words had power.
At home, the Christians, two or three, had met,
To pray an hour.

Yes, we are always wondering, wondering how,
Because we do not see
Someone unknown, perhaps, and far away,
On bended knee.

Presbyterial Pilgrimage

By MRS. VERNE J. SWANSON

"A long but inspiring journey is just about over and I hope you feel that it is a good deed well done. Each city may not have greeted you with crowds but those who did hear you were so inspired they are trying to carry your messages to others, hence the journey is really just begun and will continue throughout the months."

This encouraging letter was received by the officers of Presbyterial when they arrived at Sitka—the last of sixteen towns visited in southeastern Alaska. The trip was made on the M.S. Princeton-Hall starting at Craig, October 11 and ending at Sitka, November 14. It is true that in many of the towns the meetings were not as well attended as we had hoped they would be (especially the afternoon meetings) but we felt a warm response on the part of those who did come and knowing that the trip from the beginning was inspired and led of the Lord we have left results and the continued "journey throughout the months" with Him.

Everywhere we were received warmly and gracious Alaskan hospitality was showered upon us in the form of lunches, dinners, brunches, and receptions.

In the weather alone, we had one of the greatest signs of Divine approval of the trip. The wind might blow and the rain pour while we were ashore but for the hour of our departure we had good sailing weather. On the original schedule it was planned that we should leave Craig October 10 but for the sake of Petersburg where most of our church members work each day in the shrimp canneries, it was decided to set the whole schedule back by one day which brought us into Petersburg on a Sunday. It was brought out during the course of the trip that this one day had made all the difference in our sailing weather. Just one day earlier all along the way would have put us out into wind and heavy seas.

The only seeming reversal in the order of events came just three hours before we were due to arrive in Sitka. We were in a strong running tide in Sergius Narrows when the engine began to sputter and smoke badly. Anyone who has had experience in Sergius Narrows knows that there is one place where a boat needs all the power it has—surely not a place for the engine to go "dead." We women prayed, the engine was "forced," and the boat was steered into an anchorage. The next morning a small boat with hunters aboard came along-side and towed us into Sitka. They had only one more day of the hunting season but they took time to do this for us. The Rev. Mr. Prouty had been waiting for months for necessary parts for the overhauling of the engine. When we arrived in Sitka the parts were there. They had come on the only freighter to arrive in Sitka since the beginning of the strike. The engine, badly in need of repair, could have broken down most any place along the way but it did not. There was work to be done—someone or several to be reached in each town.

Officers of Presbyterial who went on the trip were Mrs. Elwood Hunter, Mrs. R. Roberts, and Mrs. Verne Swanson for the full time, Mrs. Ed Freeman for three weeks, and Mrs. J. L. Webster and Mrs. Frank Price for two weeks.

OUR THANKS

To the Presidents of the Women's Societies and each member therein; to the ministers' and lay-workers' wives; to the ministers, lay workers, and all Church members; to the Government school teachers and nurses, our sincere thanks and appreciation for your co-operation with us and for your gracious hospitality to us during the two days' visit in each of your towns.

To the Rev. Paul Prouty, Jewell and Roland Burrows, for their kindness, patience, encouragement, counsel, and giving of themselves that our trip might be a happy and profitable one; to Jewell especially for the giving of herself and her talents—both in cooking and singing—our grateful thanks.

Mrs. Verne J. Swanson
Mrs. Elwood Hunter
Mrs. J. L. Webster
Mrs. R. Roberts
Mrs. E. D. Freeman
Mrs. Frank Price

Women's Activities

The fall food sale, sponsored by the Martha Society of the Northern Light Presbyterian church in Juneau was held September 27 at the Piggly-Wiggly store in Juneau. Mrs. C. C. Carter was chairman of the committee in charge of the sale.

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The fall rummage sale, sponsored by the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau was held on October 9 in the Church basement. Mrs. Ralph Wright was chairman of the committee in charge of the sale.

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On October 11, officers of the World Service circle of the Northern Light Church invited members of the Circle to a one o'clock luncheon in the Church parlors. The program was a tour by Kodachrome slides of the Alaska Missions, presented by Mesdames Harvey Starling and W. R. Booth. Mrs. Henry Green led the devotions.

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Northern Light Church in Juneau had its annual Congregation-wide Church Fellowship chop-suey dinner in honor of the new members of the Church. The Martha Society and the World Service Circle were in charge of the dinner. Mrs. Ralph G. Wright was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

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Mesdames Gunnar Blomgren, Sr. and Albert Carver were hostesses to the World Service Circle of the Northern Light Church on November 8. Mrs. Laura Ordway showed pictures of her trip down the Alaska Highway. Mrs. Don Burrus led the devotions.

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On November 15, the annual bazaar and dessert supper of the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church was held in the Church parlors.

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Women of the Craig Church served a fellowship dinner on December 4.

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She: "Dear, is everything shut up for the night?'

He: "That depends on you, dear. Everything else is."

Alaska Presbyterian Needs Financial Help

The Alaska Presbyterian is financed by the gifts of churches and individuals interested in its ministry. At the Spring meeting of the Alaska Presbytery it was decided to ask each church to contribute ten cents per member and that any further financing necessary would be left up to the discretion of the business manager. The Yukon Presbytery Churches agreed to do the same thing that the Alaska Presbytery Churches did. Thus far this year, only half of the Churches have contributed their share of the expenses. In order to finance this issue and the next, it will be necessary to hear from all of the Churches and perhaps to run some advertising in the Spring issue.

Contributions thus far this year from Churches and individuals are: Haines, $7.70; Hydaburg, $17.10; Kasaan, $1; Metlakatla, $22.60; Willard E. Barrows, $1; Ketchikan, $8.10; Fairbanks, $15; Mrs. Emma Falconer, $1; Cordova, $4; Northern Light Church, $21.60; Board of National Missions, $25; Savoonga, $12.80; George F. Snyder, $1; Bertha Frautschi, $1.50; E. E. Bromley, $1; Craig, $5.30; Juneau Memorial Church, $18; Sitka, $27.50; and Petersburg, $3.

Bingle Is Busy Along Highway and Railroad

Work along the Alaska highway continues under the Reverend Bert J. Bingle. The main places touched are Big Delta, Tanacross, Tok, Inc., and Northway. The number of possible worshippers fluctuate from time to time in the respective areas, but the attendance is always sufficient to continue the work every two weeks.

The Rev. Mr. Bingle also continues to work along the Alaska Railroad, particularly in the Curry area. A new railroad division headquarters has been established there with considerably more personnel. Trips into this area have been made about every four weeks.

Three trips have been made to the camps of the Arctic Contractors developing petroleum. The third trip was made at Thanksgiving time.

George R. McKay
1868—1946

One of Alaska's spiritual giants has gone to his eternal reward.

George R. McKay was a great prince among the Tongass people. He was not wealthy in this world's goods like his father and his grandfather, but he was rich in the things of the Spirit. His grandfather had four canoefuls of slaves. George's father also was very wealthy. Just before George was born, his father was killed in an Indian war with the Wrangell people. Just a few days after this tragic incident, George was born at Port Tongass, Alaska, May 31, 1868.

In 1889 he heard the gospel preached for the first time at Port Simpson, B.C. The sermon made such an impression on him that he never forgot the text used that day, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" (Jude 21). He stayed at Port Simpson for two years, but being a very honorable man and morally upright, he was too proud to admit that he was a sinner who needed saving.

On August 28, 1891 he entered Sitka Training School where he was trained by the missionary workers. On January 3, 1893 he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour from sin at S.T.S. George always lived an exemplary life. Wherever he went people respected him. In school he was almost the only boy who never had to be punished.

It was at this time that the country was going through a great financial panic. Mission funds were very low, and it looked for a while like the Board would have to close Sitka Training School. George McKay had been such a good student, that he was added to the staff of the school as an instructor in shoemaking and music. He was on the staff at S.T.S. for over seven years.

On May 31, 1894, he was married to Ernestine Young, a fine Christian girl who had been at the school for quite a few years and had been converted there when she was ten years old.

In 1902, the McKays moved to Saxman, and George was ordained an elder on January 11, 1903. When the Ketchikan church was

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Princeton-Hall Brings Nourishment to Souls

There is no escaping the great need in Southeastern Alaska for water transportation of people and their commodities. There is, however, a larger need for transportation of nourishment for their eternal souls and for the things pertaining to their righteousness and moral welfare. The Princeton-Hall is dedicated to accomplish the latter, not the former.

Bringing delegates to and from conference and students to school and college as was done in September is a high priority part of prescribed duties. But in October and through early November the boat had a glorious mission above other tasks. Representatives of the Alaska Presbyterial Society with every outreach and yearning in prayer and search for Spiritual instruction came aboard. And they took Christ as they find Him in practical living to encourage every Church group of our denomination within the Presbytery of Alaska.

During the holiday periods surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas the normal spirit in most people is that of reverence and meditation upon God. Therefore that is the time when spiritual patrol can be better suspended for mechanical repair and upkeep of the boat. Hence a thorough overhauling is in progress under the skillful direction of Roland Burrows and other professional mechanics. Mrs. Burrows was hostess on the boat and soloist ashore during the October-November itinerary. Now while the boat is tied up in Sitka she there enjoys singing the Gospel message in a very talented and effective way.

During the second week of the New Year the Spiritual Emphasis special services are to begin in several Churches. Another active fulfillment of the high calling to which the boat and its crew is called. This is in keeping with the General Assembly plan and is being acted upon in Alaska Presbytery through the committee on United Promotion.

Harry: "My wife is developing a very bad habit—she keeps talking to herself."

Jerry: "So does my wife; but she thinks I'm listening."

Churches Have Union Thanksgiving Services

Union Thanksgiving services were held in several of the Presbyterian churches this year.

At Ketchikan the St. Elizabeth's and St. John's Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches held a union Thanksgiving service at the Presbyterian Church. Over 200 people were in attendance. The Rev. Edward D. Freeman presided. The Rev. Albert N. Jones, priest in charge of the Episcopal Churches, read the Scriptures and prayer. The Rev. William Arthur Cox of the Methodist Church brought the Thanksgiving message. The Methodist junior choir sang "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Kocher and a combined choir from the four churches sang "The Prayer of Thanksgiving," a Netherlands folk song.

At Juneau the Methodist and Northern Light Presbyterian Churches had a joint service at the Northern Light Church. The Rev. Robert Treat preached the sermon.

At Craig, a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed with the Assembly of God Church members on Thanksgiving morning at which Communion was served. The service was held in the Presbyterian Church.

At Hydaburg, a community Thanksgiving service was held. Special music was provided by the church choir under the direction of Powell Charles.

At Skagway members of the congregation told their reasons for their gratitude at a service held Thanksgiving Day morning. Special music was provided by the Youth choir and the male quartet.

At Fairbanks the young people, including a large number of service men from Ladd Field and students at the University of Alaska, conducted a Thanksgiving worship service on the evening of November 24. The entire Sunday school met in the Church auditorium for "A Thanksgiving Service of Worship," as prepared by the Board of National Missions. The special offering for work among the Spanish speaking peoples in the Southwestern part of the United States came to $56.

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YUKON PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Yukon will meet the latter part of January at the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. The meeting will convene on January 24 or as soon thereafter as transportation can be arranged. All churches have been asked to send delegates for organizing a Presbyterial society. The expense of these delegates is to be born by their respective churches.

Metlakatla Church Shows Much Activity

Metlakatlans were reminded that the summer season was over when the Princeton-Hall came and took away nineteen of their young people to attend Sheldon Jackson School.

Edward Benson who was graduated from SJS last year has entered Park College and is doing splendid work. Edward Verney is back at Dubuque University and is also doing splendid work. Other young people are at Wrangell Institute, Chemawa, and other schools in Oregon.

Mrs. Lucy Marsden, the widow of the late Rev. Edward Marsden was called home by her Lord after many long years as a beloved wife, mother, sister, and a woman devoted to her Church. Faithful in life, she was faithful to the end. She will be long and lovingly remembered by her many good deeds and noble Christian life.

On Armistice Sunday, two Metlakatla veterans from overseas, Jeff David and Wilfred Baines told of their travels abroad.

The annual congregational meeting and every member canvass were hold on November 13 with an increased sense of stewardship.

December 1 a White Christmas service was held with gifts going to the children at Haines House. The service was well attended and a goodly number of gifts were collected, enough to fill three large boxes. The service was made more interesting by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, teachers at the Government School in Metlakatla, who had spent five years in Haines and had been closely allied with the home. They showed some slides of Christmas activities, staff, children, and other activities.

Gifts to Haines House Greatly Appreciated

Haines House is grateful for the gifts which have come to them from all over the United States, but especially are they grateful to friends in Alaska. Metlakatla, Haines, and some other places have shared their fresh vegetables, fruit and canned foods with Haines House. When communities remember Haines House with gifts, the children from those communities feel that the home church has a real interest in them. One girl's father has sent in her name enough fresh fruit for everyone five or six times this summer and fall, the apples for all the Sunday School Hallowe'en parties, and the pears for the India supper at the close of the after-school mission study class.

Haines House children have been assembling a beautiful Moravian Advent Star which will shine in the Haines Church until Epiphany. When the star was being tried out in a room at Haines House, little Cecelia saw it and with delight brought all the other little ones to see it. Someone said, "What is it?" Cecelia's face lighted up as she said, "A star, the Christmas one!" One of the others asked, "Did you get it down out of the sky?" And another said, "But God can put it back up, can't He?"

Cordova Busy Making Church Improvem'nts

Men of the Cordova Church, volunteering their time, have replaced a portion of the foundation of the Church building, replaced old timbers and siding on the "storm side" of the building, and installed hot air ducts to the manse from the Sunday School furnace. This last improvement, eliminated several oil heaters and a network of stove pipe in the attic, as well as giving more satisfactory heat.

The Church choir will present the Christmas cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem" at the evening worship service on Sunday, December 22.

The Sunday School is planning a "white Christmas" program for Christmas Eve. Each child will bring a gift for someone else who is in need. The gifts will be boxed and sent to a mission station for distribution.

Fairbanks Stresses Christian Education

The Reverend Bert J. Bingle, Industrial Missionary whose headquarters are College, has supplied the pulpit of the Fairbanks Church since the first of September, while traveling on the Alaska highway during the week. By so doing, he has made it possible for the Rev. N. Harry Champlin to take a much needed vacation, the first he has had in the four years that he has been pastor of the Fairbanks church. The Champlins are expected to return around January 1.

With the increased attendance at the University of Alaska this year, and the large number of men at Ladd Field opportunities for service to these folks abound. Services are well attended. Interest in calling on newcomers is increasing. The young people's group includes a large number of service men and university students.

During the month of September and the first half of October, the young people had a series of discussions on "India." Two sergeants who had spent over two years in India with the army led three meetings in which they told of their experiences. One stated that the presence of the American Army in India had done more to open the way for Christian missions than any other event in recent years. At the conclusion of the study, an "India Dinner" was served by a former teacher in a mission school in northern India. She displayed costumes of different castes and showed lovely curios.

A Church Workers conference, composed of presidents of organizations and teachers and officers in the Church School has met monthly to report on the activity of their various groups and to plan Christian Education projects for the Church. This group has taken courses in Bible and Ways of Teaching.

The Sunday School will put on two Christmas programs. The first for the older children, from juniors up, will be on the Sunday night before Christmas. On Monday the primary department will have their program. The play, "The Christmas Blessing," along with a white gifts Christmas project, will be performed on December 22. The primary children are dramatizing, "Paddy's Christmas."

Wednesday and Friday classes in Christian Education are held for Primary and Junior children for an hour after school. This program consists of Bible study, stories and dramatizations, as well as preparation for special programs of the Church School.

HELP FURNISH MANSE

The Reverend George R. Betts, pastor of the Hoonah church, has moved into the newly acquired manse. He is in desperate need for living-room chairs, table, bed springs and mattress, and other items of furniture. There is no money available for the purchase of these items. Contributions from individuals in the churches in Alaska would be appreciated.

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Announcement has been made by the Board of National Missions that the new school and administration building to be built at Sheldon Jackson Junior College this Spring is to be named in hoonr of the superintendent, "Leslie Yaw Administration Building."

Alaska Songbird Sings For Sheldon Jackson

On the evenings of November 7 and 9, Frances Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Paul of Juneau, was presented in concert at the Sheldon Jackson Auditorium in Sitka. The concert was sponsored by the Sheldon Jackson student council to raise funds for the new building.

Miss Paul, who is a lyric soprano with a beautiful voice, has just completed a four years' course at the Eastman School of Music in the University of Rochester, New York. Miss Paul sang beautifully, but lacks the stage presence that comes with years of experience. Her immaturity was also reflected in her lack of ability to get the most out of her voice and the depth of meaning contained in the songs she sang. "Adieu, Forets," an aria from Jeanne d'Arc by Tschaikowsky and "Allelujah" by Mozart were especially well received.

Mrs. G. C. Stuart served as a very able accompanist.

Wife: "Do you think I'm going to wear this old muskrat coat all my life?"

Husband: "Why not, dear? The muskrats do."

Activity Marks Life Of Skagway Church

Sunday school classes in the Skagway Church are selecting names. The Go-Getters, a class of junior girls, is corresponding with a similar class at Bemidji, Minnesota. Teachers meet regularly each month and are studying "The Teaching Evangelists" by Norman E. Richardson.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be held on the Sunday evening before Christmas.

Two additional rooms in the church building have been decorated since the renovation of the sanctuary was completed. The work has been done by volunteer labor. Some of the nurses from the Skagway Sanitarium have helped in their off-duty hours. The painting, "The Good Shepherd," has been ordered for the chancel, and delivery is expected early in the new year.

New musical organizations include a youth choir, an adult choir, and a male quartet consisting of Bill Feero, Ben Wright, Thomas Wilhelm, and John Dodge.

Plans for roller skating in the Community Hall have been delayed by the shortage of skates.

Six to ten of the nurses and workers at the Sanitarium make use of the newly instituted church taxi service which runs before Sunday School and after Church each Sunday morning. 41 patients were served communion on the evening before Thanksgiving. Services were held on the sunporch of each ward and patients too ill to be moved were served at their bedsides. The nurses and patients have raised enough money to purchase two dozen hymnals for use in their weekly services. One patient always gives a tithe of the few dollars which he receives.

Beverly Beitinger, secretary of the Sunday School, completed her tenth year of perfect attendance at Sunday School last April. Three pupils had had perfect attendance for seven years, one for five, four for four, four for two, and two for one year.

A man complained to the doctor that his hair was coming out. "Won't you give me something to keep it in?" he begged.

"Take this," said the doctor kindly, and he handed him an empty pill-box.

BARROW SUFFERS "LABOR PAINS"

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in the morning at 6:30. The Elders separated, going to the homes of the workers involved to tell them that there would be a general meeting at the skin boat at 6:30 Sunday morning.

The missionary spoke to the men and told them that he felt that they would not be compelled to work on Sundays if they asked the Commander and the Foreman to give them Sundays off. They decided among themselves that they would not work on Sundays even though they would be "fired" if they didn't. The missionary and one of their number were chosen to present the matter to the Commander and the Foreman. Then began a race against time to report to the Camp at the time set for the men. There were too many for all to ride in the skin boat, so the missionary walked with two of the men for three or four miles and then exchanged places with three men in the boat for he rest of the trip. They arrived at the camp about ten minutes late.

The party went directly to the office building and met the foreman, but were told that the Commander was in Fairbanks. They presented the matter to the foreman, but it was plain from the outset that he had no inclination to co-operate in the matter. He stated that the men must either work seven days a week or not at all. He was then told what the decision of the men had been, but first his word was taken back to the men so that they could be free to decide for themselves what they would do under the circumstances. Knowing the needy conditions of the men and their families, the missionary felt that every man should decide for himself what his action would be. The men talked among themselves, and again without exception decided that they would not work on Sunday. The missionary had not dared to hope that the men would make such a decision, but he felt confident that God would vindicate them for making such a stand. The decision was carried back to the Foreman and he said that the men should not report for work the next day. Most of the men came back to the village in the boat and the rest walked back, reaching the village in plenty of time for the morning service. That morning the minister preached from Matthew 6:24-34. All those who had been in the group were recognized publicly, and a special season of prayer was held that God might work out His will in the matter.

Mr. Lee urged the men that they act as a group and that no one return to work on a seven day a week basis until they all did, or until everyone in the group knew what was being done. He felt thoroughly convinced that the Naval authorities would grant their request except when there is a state of emergency. What actually happened that Sunday evening is not known. One report is that men from the camp came to the village and got the men to agree singly to come back to work and work on Sundays as well as other days. Another report is that a couple of the men from the village went to the camp and made such proposals. The fact is that most of the men returned to work on Monday, and the others on Tuesday, all with the understanding that they would work on Sundays.

The action was a keen disappointment to the missionary and the elders, and they were at a loss for some time to know what the men actually wanted. It had been their purpose to make it possible for a man to keep his job and at the same time have Sundays free. It was finally voted that the Naval authorities be petitioned to make it possible for those who want Sundays off to still retain their jobs. On several occasions, Mr. Lee had been unable to see the Commanding Officer because he was in Fairbanks, but one day in the latter part of July he found the Commander in camp. The C. O. was gracious and considerate and said that if a man did not want to work on Sunday they would not force him to work.

When it was announced that the men did not have to work on Sundays, several of the men did not go to work on Sunday. During the following week the Foreman called some of them into his office and told them that if they did not work on Sundays they would be fired. The Navy Commander gave the same reply as formerly, when approached, but the whole matter hinged upon who had the power to hire and fire. It became clear that the men who were willing to stand up for Sabbath observance could be "fired" without any reason being stated. In such a case the only thing that the Navy could do would be to see that there was no racial discrimination. Such being the facts it seemed best to drop the matter. An alternate arrangement was made, whereby the Elders and minister on a rotation system, would hold a short service for the men in their mess hall each Sunday during the noon hour.

"These 'labor pains'," says the Rev. Mr. Lee, "have arisen as a direct result of employment of Eskimo labor at the Camp, and are, I believe, the beginnings of such pains and problems as the village has never known. They are pains which the people must undergo as a new type of Eskimo civilization is born. Let us pray that the Christian faith which has meant so much to them, may not be cast aside for the 'filthy rags' proffered by the world."

GEORGE McKAY

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organized on June 21, 1925, George McKay was one of the charter members and served faithfully as an elder until he became bedfast in 1941. He went to be with his Lord on November 4, 1946, after being bedfast for over five years, the last three at the Ketchikan General Hospital.

At one time in his life he was the lay worker at Saxman. He was a composer of music, composing and arranging much of the music played by the Sitka Training School concert band. He was a devout student of the Bible, and mastered the Hebrew and Greek languages that he might have a better understanding of the scriptures. He was a gifted speaker and was used of the Lord to bring many precious souls into the Kingdom. To the very end, he had a radiant Christian testimony. Many of the nurses that have served at the Ketchikan hospital say that the thing that will live longest in their memories of Ketchikan was George McKay reading his Bible.

"I want to do some shopping today, George, if the weather is favorable. What does the paper say?"

"Rain, hail, sleet, snow, thunder, lightning and fierce winds."

GOD IS LOVE

Stuarts Retire After 27 Years of Service

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Stuart, after twenty-seven years in the service of the Board of National Missions, retired December 1. They are making their new home in Port Angeles, Washington, with their daughter, Dora.

On November 15, the students gave a dinner in the Sheldon Jackson dining room in honor of Mr. Stuart's birthday and the Stuarts' thirty-first wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Yaw entertained the staff of Sheldon Jackson School at a dinner given at their home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart on December 2.

The farewell reception for the Stuarts, given jointly by the Presbyterian Church and Sheldon Jackson Junior College, was held in Sheldon Jackson auditorium on the evening of December 5.

Haines Study 'India' In School of Missions

During the month of November, a School of Missions for all age groups was conducted at the Haines Church. Classes have been held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons after school. The average attendance was 65. Study centered on mission work in India. The following served as teachers: Isabel Miller, Dorothy Callecod, Mrs. Ross Hevel, and the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Fox. The mission study book, "India at the Threshhold" was reported on at the midweek prayer meetings during the month of November. Dorothy Callecod and Sarah Edes have made reports. Emma Stauffer completed the study by telling of her personal experiences as a missionary in India.

More than $200 was raised for the Restoration Fund during the month of November.

Plans are being made for various Christmas programs. Mrs. Forrest Nowell is directing a program in which music, reading, and a series of tableaux will tell the Christmas story.

On November 3, the congregation voted to assume an additional $140 a year of the minister's salary. This was in response to a request from the Board of National Missions to assume $100 additional.

MILLION SOULS FOR CHRIST CAMPAIGN

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1,000,000 new church members.

100,000 laymen trained for personal evangelism.

300 new churches or Sunday schools.

These goals are not easy of attainment. To gain one million members means that for three years in succession the average church will have to win more than twice as many as it has been winning. One hundred thousand workers to be trained are more than a third as many as we have elders and deacons in the church. Three hundred new churches and Sunday Schools will be much more than we should normally be starting during a three-year period.

Statitstics are not the goal. The goal is to do God's will—to win 51,000,000 Americans to Him. But human beings always work better when they can see the dimensions of their task. Three essenials for success may be listed.

The first of these is the preparation of the mind and soul of church people during 1947. Winning a person for Christ is always a miracle. Unless we are living very close to God, we cannot help it to take place.

The second essential is a special committee in each presbytery. This should be a new committee, specifically for this program, claiming the strongest leaders in the presbytery.

The third essential to success is the definite enrollment of each church as a part of the program. This enrollment would mean four things: a pledge of participation in the presbytery program, a decision to set up the necessary organizaion, the adoption of a definite goal, and a pledge to pay the cost of sending its minister to a training school.

The fourth essential is the training schools, to prepare the pastor to set the movement in full operation in his own parish, and be in his own church the teacher of a school of evangelism. The training schools atttended by the pastors will be led by the most inspiring teachers and leaders of the entire church, and will consist of five days of inspiration for evangelism, study of its methods, and practical experience.

Why quarrel with a man to whom sincerity and insincerity mean the same thing.

Hydaburg Stresses Stewardship for All

Stewardship, its spiritual background and implication, is being stressed in all activities of the Hydaburg Church this year. An increasing interest in strengthening and spreading the Christian faith in the church at home and abroad is being manifest in this church.

The Women's Missionary society includes every woman in the community and has set itself a definite program of interest and study for this year. This group conducts one of the Sunday evening services each month, thus interesting the whole congregation in the cause of Christ at home and abroad. All of the members share in this responsibility. Two members take charge of each of the services.

Unfortunately the heretical, anti-Christian Seventh Day Adventist sect has recently come to Hydaburg to establish a Church. Their methods and attitude are well described in II Timothy 3:5-9. Co-operation is not possible because of their intolerant attitude and corrupt and willful misinterpretation of the Scriptures. Hydaburg people would do well to read the advice given in II John about receiving such ones into your homes. Read especially verses 7-11. Paul's letter to the Galatians will also show you the falsity of their doctrine.

MEMORIAL CHURCH

Under the direction of John C. Goins, Jr., senior and junior choirs have been organized at the Memorial Church in Juneau.

On December 22 during the morning service, the senior choir will present a cantata, "Hosanna in the Hightest" by Alfred Wooler. The Sunday school will present "The Prince of Peace," a Christmas drama by Victor L. Cappel at the evening service December 22.

COUPLES CLUB

Thirteen young married couples met in a pot-luck supper at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Freeman, Sunday, December 1, to organize a couples club. It was decided to meet on the first Sunday of each month.

He who does not look forward remains behind.

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Minister Coming For Petersburg

The Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Spivey of Madill, Oklahoma are expected soon to take the Petersburg Church. Mr. Spivey is a graduate of King's College and of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

Altho there has been no minister or lay-worker since last Spring, the Petersburg Church has been holding services every Sunday. Elder Mrs. Amy Hollingstad, assisted by Elder Mrs. Lena Richardson lead the services at 3:30 every Sunday afternoon, while the Sunday School, which is held at 2:30 p.m. is conducted by Mrs. Sarah McGill.

Life-time Elder John George has been seriously ill most of the winter but is slowly recovering.

Lay-Worker Andrew Wanamaker is expected soon to do some much needed repair work on the Church building.

Bell Calls Hoonah People to Worship

Three men accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour from sin during the four-day evangelistic meetings in the Hoonah Church conducted by Lay-Worker Andrew Gamble of Angoon and the Rev. Paul Prouty, general missionary on the M. S. "Princeton-Hall."

Robert Grant, assisted by Geo. Carteet and Ben Watson and others, have just about finished the basement of the Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grant, and son Robert, gave a bell to the Church in memory of the late Elder Reece, Mrs. Grant's father. Elder Reece was one of the first native elders of the Church. George Carteet installed the bell in the belfry. Attendance at services has almost doubled since the bell has begun calling people to Church.

H.M.S. Pinafore on Presbytery Program

Geraldine Beam arrived in Sitka early in February to fill the position of music instructor at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Miss Beam comes from New York and is a graduate of Grove City College with a B.S. degree in music and has done graduate work at Syracuse University. Prior to coming to Alaska, Miss Beam taught public school music at Hemlock, New York. Her first major project at Sheldon Jackson will be to direct the school operetta, "H.M.S. Pinfore," which is to be presented during the week that Presbytery meets in Sitka.

Mrs. Fred Bryant, English teacher, has moved to Ketchikan, where her husband has assumed the position of Deputy Marshal. English classes have been divided up between various staff members, and Mrs. Leslie Yaw and Mrs. Roland Wurster are doing some pinch hitting so that the English department may carry on.

Commencement week has been announced as May 18-23. Baccalaureate Sunday will be on May 18, Junior College commencement on May 22, and the high school commencement on May 23 will close graduation activities.

TOWARD PEACE

The Presbyterian Restoration Fund offers an opportunity to each of us to help build a better world for our future generations. Every dollar given to the Restoration Fund is another step towards a better world; one in which human misery and strife must be lessened. Presbyterians everywhere want an everlasting peace and this Fund's aim is to strive towards such a peace.

The Christian life lived has no regrets.

Presbytery Will Study New Life

The New Life Movement will occupy a very prominent place in both the programs of Alaska Presbytery and Presbyterial to be held in Sitka April 10-15. The Rev. Elwood Hunter, temporary chairman of the New Life Movement in Alaska presbytery, has made a request that each pastor use the New Life Movement as a back drop for his Sunday morning services in order that each individual may thoroughly understand the great aims and ideals of the movement. Sessions and women's group are requested to send only delegates and guests who are familiar with the plan so that the time may be used in mapping out a working plan rather than in explanations and instruction.

Distinguished guests who will be in attendance for part of the meetings of Presbytery and Presbyterial will be Dr. J. Earl Jackman, secretary of the unit of work in Alaska of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions; Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council; and Dr. Earl Brown of the Methodist Board of Missions. These three men will be in Alaska from April 3rd to 17th surveying and studying the situation where two or more co-operating denominations are working, the adequacy of Protestant ministry in all areas, and the possibility of the effective organization of a United Christian Council. Places being visited are Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.

HOW TO SUCCEED

The church that forgets itself in its passion to seek the unsaved will in that forgetfulness find itself.

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"HE IS RISEN INDEED!"

It is said that First Century Christians, to whom the resurrection of Jesus was a tremendous reality, were accustomed to greet one another with the joyful words: "Christ is risen!" To which the reply was made: "He is risen indeed!"

Easter is greeting us again with this great message. Awakening flowers are God's testimony in nature; the New Testament record, the passing of the year, the pull of God's Spirit in our souls—all are saying to us, "Christ is risen!"

May the light in our eyes, the serenity of our spirits, the strength of our purpose, the loyalty of our service, and the quality of our lives reply in unmistakable tones: "He is risen indeed!"

THE NEAR-BY BRETHREN

A missionary prayed, "O God, help me this day to bless some soul." Presbytery and Presbyterial had arrived—a busy and crowded time. There were callers and problems, speakers and visiting Christians—and meetings—all to be cared for. A knock came to the door. Likely one of the speakers, he thought. Ah, no, he was disappointed. There stood a floating down-and-outer—so uninviting. In every atom of his being the missionary revolted, feeling he could scarcely be at the disposal of such a man at such a time.

So nearly can we miss Christ. "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least . . . ye did it not to Me" — so nearly did the missionary miss nearby duty in seeking to do a greater (?) service. But at length it dawned upon him that here was a God-sent soul. He was a college-trained druggist; but, withal, a veritable derelict of drink. A great victory was won that day in both the missionary and in the drunkard.

Has the reader ever found himself evading and avoiding and pushing away as with cruel hands the present (because unpleasant) will of God? It would be romantic to do some great thing, especially some distant thing. "Wisdom is before him (right in front of him) that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are **in the ends of the earth**" (Proverbs 17:24.) How easy to evade and shun the will of God when it is near at hand! We deceive ourselves. To us the will of God is **otherwhere**—"in the ends of the earth"! Nay, it is often near by, known—perhaps **too near?** John says: "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." Perhaps we prefer to lay down our lives "for the heathen." For those able to go abroad that will be their high privilege and responsibility. But for many of us that is but a vain dream. Such a distant martyrdom would be splendid, glorious. But our martyrdom should be nearer home. "The eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth." Duty is "**before him** that hath understanding." There it is staring us in the face, giving us a chance to die—at home. It is not afar off. John jerks us right up when he bids us to lay down our lives for the near-by brethren.

Haines House Inadequate For Needs

Schooling arrangements for the Haines House children has been the most prominent topic of discussion of the year and still remains an unsettled question. Since the seventh grade was not available at Sheldon Jackson nor at the Haines Native Service school, eight of the older children are attending seventh grade at the Territorial School. The general feeling both at Haines House and in town seems to be favorable, except that it has meant an added expense to the town. The academic results have not been outstanding but have been creditable when the shift from one curriculum to another is considered. Socially this arrangement has brought new freedoms and friends (and some headaches for the supervisors) for the boys and girls which it is felt will be helpful when they leave Haines House. It has also opened up Haines House activities somewhat to the young people in the town. There has been a noticeable increase in attendance at all Church activities on the part of the town young people this winter since the two groups have gotten better acquainted.

Miss Isabel Miller, director of Haines House, in a statement concerning the situation, said:—"We have appreciated the reception which our eight children have received at the Territorial school and we were eager for the plan to combine the schools to go into effect for the coming year. For while we are very thankful for the good services of the Government school, we feel our children are at a double disadvantage to be segregated in their school as well as by living in an institution. Except for three or four others, our children make up the whole of the Native Service school, while other children with Native blood attend the Territorial school. At present it seems that this plan cannot go into effect because of the inability of the little town of Haines to bear the expense of the operating costs and additional buildings which the addition of 40 children from

Haines House would necessitate. We understand and sympathize with these difficulties but are still hopeful that some solution will be worked out within the next year or so. At present we must return to our old plan of taking children just through the first six grades, which means that both the present sixth and seventh graders must go elsewhere next year.

"We are sorry to lose our older children and to have this gap between Haines House and Sheldon Jackson for those who wish to go on there, but with our present housing set-up and limited staff, an age range such as we have had this year of from four to fifteen years is not so desirable as a group with more homogeneous social interests would be. We shall have from 12 to 15 vacancies after the end of May for which we shall be glad to receive applicants as there is need."

Generous Christmas boxes came to Haines House from several communities, including Metlakatla, Klawock, Juneau, and Skagway, in addition to the individual gifts from relatives which mean so much to the children. The finest gift for the whole house was the money for a portable record player given by the Alaska Native Brotherhood. Other friends gave generously toward a fund for records.

Haines House joins all of Haines in gratitude for the gracious and efficient services which Frances Fell, the Public Health nurse, has given this winter. In addition to taking care of emergencies and lifting anxiety during the bad weather when no doctor was available, she has given many helpful talks to the mothers and other groups, and is now conducting a class in home nursing for all girls over 12.

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Banquet Celebrates 60 Years of Church

The Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau celebrated its 60th anniversary, December 11 with a banquet. Rev. Paul H. Prouty spoke on "The Onward Look." Greetings were read from Memorial Church's friends and members.

Prayer meetings since the Fall season have been well attended. Each week studies have been made in the book of Genesis. This study was completed in the middle of February, when a series of studies were begun on the Life of Christ leading up to Easter.

Throughout the winter the Couples Club has met regularly. The March program will include a guest speaker on the subject, "Child Training." Several members of the Club have been named on a committee of Church visitation. This has been one project in the New Life Movement. Already this program has resulted in better Church attendance and a deepening of interest in the Christian way of life.

Evangelistic trips were recently made on the "Princeton-Hall" to Angoon, Haines, and Klukwan. Those making the trips were the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff, Elders Bessie Jimmie and Clara Barlow, Deacons Mr. and Mrs. Dave Willard and Mr. and Mrs. William Klaney. Layworkers Andrew Gamble of Angoon also made the trip and participated in the meetings at Haines and Klukwan.

Accomplishment depends upon complete yieldedness to the thing you are doing.

S. J. Basketball Team Fly Northern Trip

The "Flying Basketball Team" from Sheldon Jackson Junior College arrived home in Sitka from their trip north Saturday, March 8. They were met in Juneau by the "SJS II," skippered by Laurence Doig. Making the trip from Anchorage with them was the Rev. Mr. R. Rolland Armstrong of Anchorage, who is a guest of Mr. Yaw at S.J.J.C.

The trip was a real experience for most of the boys, none of whom had ever been in the Interior. The trip, made under the supervision of Coach James Robinson, took the squad to Fairbanks and Anchorage. They competed in the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous basketball tournament, took third place and brought home a trophy cup to prove it.

The flight of the basketball team marks a milestone along the road of progress for S.J.J.C. The boys and Mr. Robinson conducted Church services in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks, and proved to be excellent salesmen for their school. According to reports from towns in their itinerary, the folks up North who heard them talk or say them play are thoroughly "sold" on S.J.J.C. and impressed with the Christian conduct of its athletic representatives.

Home-coming was a real thanksgiving event on the campus. Under the efficient supervision of Miss Jessie Frazier, dietician, a sumptuous banquet was prepared, the students decorated the dining hall with colored baloon basketballs, speeches were made, and it was a real highlight in the life of the school.

Students making the trip were Reginald Skeek, Kenneth Hansen, Alfred Perkins, Jack and Ray Booth, Dundee Atkinson and Roger Lang.

Kake Church Repairs Souls and Property

The Rev. George R. Betts and Elders John Fawcett and Kendall Williams of the Hoonah Church conducted evangelistic meetings in the Kake Church, February 18-22. Services were held each evening, and the sick were visited during the day. The meetings were instrumental in converting many souls to Christ.

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Women's Activities

Mesdames C. C. Carter and Willis R. Booth were hostesses for dessert luncheon at the December 6th meeting of the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau. Mrs. Sid Thompson showed Kodachrome slides of her trip up the highway to Circle, Alaska, during the social hour.

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Laurence B. Cairns, national program director for Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., whose office is in New York City, spoke at the annual Praise meeting of the Ketchikan Women's Missionary Society, Sunday evening, February 23. Mrs. E. D. Freeman presided at the meeting. William Salt led the singing. Mrs. W. F. Cummings read the Scripture. Mrs. Virginia Inman led in prayer. Special music included a solo by Mrs. Rosie Campbell, a duet by Mrs. Alice Reece and Mrs. Nick Christomos, and an anthem, "The Heavens Are Declaring" by Beethoven, by the choir. The offering was sent to the three boards supported by Women's Work.

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Mrs. Verne Swanson, president of Alaska Presbyterial, visited in Fairbanks the second week in February. She met with the two women's groups of the church explaining programs and plans for the organization of Yukon Presbyterial. The Ladies' Aid and the Westminster Society are anxious to engage in this program for Presbyterian women of the Church.

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New officers of the Hoonah Women's Missionary society are Mrs. Peter Austin, president; Mrs. Amy Knudson, vice-president. Mrs. Austin succeeds Mrs. Ida Kadshan as president. Mrs. Kadshan was an efficient and capable president for five years.

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Mrs. W. L. Paul, Sr., reviewed the book "East River" by Sholem Asch and Mrs. Ed Sutton led the devotions at a meeting of the Juneau Northern Light World Service Circle, March 14th. Mesdames Hugh B. Antrim and Don Burruss were hostesses.

The Bible study classes under the guidance of the Spiritual Life department of the Sitka Presbyterian Women have been a marked success during the fall and winter season. It is the aim of the Alaska Presbyterial to enoll every Presbyterian woman in a Bible class. The plan of the Sitka group has been devised with the object of making it possible for as many as possible to belong to a study group. Because of this, the studies have been divided into six weeks' periods. The plan has proved very successful. The groups are open to women of any other church and a number of interested women have availed themselves of the opportunity of attending.

The first series of the winter was taught by Mrs. Chester Latta and included selected portions of the Scriptures. The second group was taught by Mrs. Helen Hatch, head of the Religious Education Department of S.J.S. Mrs. Hatch conducted a helpful and fascinating study of the Psalms. The group is now ready to begin the third series. Announcement has not yet been made of the time, instructor, or meeting place.

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Mesdames Henry Green, George Folta, and Carl Weidman conducted a missionary Roundup, and Mrs. Robert Sanford led the devotions at a meeting of the World Service Guild of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church in Juneau, January 10. Mesdames Harold Sverdrup and Thomas A. Morgan were the hostesses.

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On March 6th, the Presbyterian Women and the Ladies' Aid of the Sitka Church entertained the staff and personnel of Japonski Island, Mt. Edgecombe School, and Alice Island hospital at a reception in the U.S.O. building.

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A social meeting of the Martha Society of the Juneau Northern Light Church was held on January 17 in the Church parlors with Mesdames Gunnar Blomgren, Sr. and E. J. Cowling as hostesses for the dessert luncheon. Mrs. Burrass Smith led the devotions. The social hour was spent in tying a comfort for Minfield Home.

Something new and different took place at the U.S.O. building in Sitka when the executive officers of Presbyterian Women entertained members and their guests at a Seven-Girl Ekon-Moli—which, being interpreted into average layman's English—means merely a dinner served in the style of the Asiatic Indian. The theme of the evening study following the dinner was India. Mrs. Roland Wurster handled the topic in an entertaining and highly instructive way.

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New officers of Ketchikan Women's Missionary Society are Mrs. Rosie Campbell, president; Mrs. Sixten Johanson, vice-president; Mrs. E. D. Freeman, secretary; and Mrs. Alice Reece, treasurer.

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Presbyterian Women of Sitka are looking forward to the arrival of their Honor Certificate to be awarded for accomplishing the raising of the Restoration Fund quota. Their quota was $1091.81, but so ambitious were these good ladies that they were successful in raising $1120.02, which put them well over the top with a good margin to spare.

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World Day of Prayer Observed in Alaska

Union World Day of Prayer services have been reported from three Alaska cities, but perhaps the most successful and ambitious program in the world is that at Sitka which was considered a marked success and assumed the proportions of a truly civic affair. Sponsored by the United Council of Church Women, under the leadership of Mrs. Elwood Hunter, the World Day of Prayer enjoyed wholehearted co-operation on the part of the town's people as a whole and made the entire community aware of a live and working organization of Christian women interested in promoting the Christian way of living. Women on the Planning Council represented the Assembly of God, the Pentecostal, Lutheran, Episcopal, and Presbyterian Churches, and the Salvation Army.

Seven meetings were held during the day, beginning with an informal prayer service at 10:30 a.m. and closing with a well-attended evening service at 8 o'clock. A distinctive feature was the noon luncheon served for the business people. The luncheon was preceded by a service. Many were in attendance. Another special service was the meeting conducted in the Alaska Pioneers' Home at 4 p.m.

Highlight of the day was the youth service held at 2:30 p.m. in the USO building. The meeting was planned entirely by a Youth Council. A Children's choir under the direction of Carmena French, was impressive. Gary Ladely presided in a very commendable way. The address was given by Leslie Yaw, president of Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

The United Council of Church Women in Sitka have a carefully organized plan of publicity for the World Day of Prayer. It is a plan which was inaugurated by the late Laura Adams, S.J.S. craft teacher and president of the United Council of Church Women. The sponsors of the World Day of Prayer in Sitka attribute to this plan the fact that some 650 people attended the services during the day. An effort was made to contact each organization in town and a representative from the council made a special announcement in every organization where permission was given. Each business firm received a letter with a program and special announcement of the luncheon. No charge was made for the luncheon, but a free-will offering was made. The luncheon was served by the ladies of St. Peter's Guild. Every post office box holder was sent a letter containing the aims and purposes of the World Day of Prayer and a program.

The Fairbanks Church has observed the World Day of Prayer for several years but this year was the first attempt at a union service with seven Churches cooperating. The Children's Prayer service was well attended with over 60 children present. The theme of World Friendship and Service was stressed in an impressive candle-lighting cere-

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Yukon Presbyterial Undeterred by Cold

During the coldest weather on record, representatives from the Presbyterian Churches of Palmer, Anchorage, Cordova, and Fairbanks gathered at Anchorage to organize the Yukon Presbyterial Society. A wonderfully consecrated group of women would not let the extremely cold weather, nor the miles and miles of mountains that separate them, nor the expense of such traveling deter them from their purpose of furthering the work of the Kingdom of God by uniting the women's organizations within Yukon Presbytery with a program of education, service, prayer, and giving.

Mrs. Verne J. Swanson, president of the Southeastern Alaska Presbyterial, was present to help with the details of organization.

Officers elected for the coming year were: President—Mrs. R. R. Armstrong, Anchorage. Vice-President and Youth Secretary, Mrs. N. H. Champlin, Fairbanks. Corresponding and Membership Secretary, Mrs. Neil Miller, Palmer. Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Stejkal, Anchorage. World Service Treasurer, Mrs. Victor Alfsen, Palmer. Contingent Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Huff, Anchorage. Sewing Chairman for Missions, Mrs. Einar Tonseth of Fairbanks. Literature Chairman, Mrs. Ernest Hubbard, Fairbanks. Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. B. J. Bingle, College. Spiritual Life and Stewardship, Mrs. L. M. Puckett, Anchorage. Social Education and Action, Mrs. Jack Downing, Cordova.

The theme song used during the meetings was a challenge to all attending:

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That if Thy will is to be done
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Youth Activities

Four young people of the Ketchikan Church spoke at the evening service on Presbyterian Young People's Day, January 26. Frances Williams spoke on "Youth Shares the Christian Faith." Barbara Edenso spoke on "Youth Shares Its Youth." Minnette Williams spoke on "Youth Shares Its Friendship." Charles Marlowe spoke on "Youth Shares the Christian Answer."

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"Teen-agers" are invited by the Editor of the Washington C. E. News to correspond with "teen-agers" in the churches of Washington and Northern Idaho. Any Alaska "teen-ager" who would like to make a "pen friend" in a church in Washington is asked to send his name and address to the Rev. Ray Wotring, Cordova, Alaska, or to C. E. NEWS EDITOR, 502 Marion Bldg,. Seattle, Washington.

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Westminster Fellowship of Juneau Memorial Church has a pot luck supper once a month before their regular meeting with a guest speaker. The Fellowship at present is working on an Easter pageant, "The Testimony of the Twelve" by E. W. Bates.

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"The Northern Light," a newsy, interesting four page mimeographed paper, is published weekly by the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church. "The Northern Light" is in its fourth year of publication.

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Twenty boys and girls, "may their tribes increase," have not missed a Sunday for three months at the Juneau Memorial Sunday school.

Four Protestant Churches participated in a Youth Rally at the Wrangell Presbyterian Church on the afternoon of February 9. The leaders planned the program and publicity carefully and prayerfully, so were quite troubled when a basketball game was suddenly scheduled for 2 p.m.—only an hour before the rally. However, a bus load came from Wrangell Institute, some faithful young folks did not attend the game, and some others came in late and tried to sing with hoarse voices. The 72 in the audience truly did rally with enthusiasm.

A fine hymn sing under the leadership of Captain Merrill; several numbers by a special youth choir; a vibra-harp solo by Connie Butler; a talk full of fun and inspiration by Brigadier C. O. Taylor, head of the Salvation Army for Alaska, were parts of the program. The two Bible contests created much interest. One was a False-True quiz and one a "Who Am I?" contest. When the clues were given to the four contestants, the audience could not keep from waving their hands in eagerness to answer. A prize was given to the winners: Harry Choquette from the Presbyterian Church and Don Newkirk from the Assembly of God.

"It was fun," "I liked everything," "Let's have another," were the comments heard upon leaving the Church. "We liked working together," said the leaders of the Presbyterian Church, the Salvation Army, the Episcopal Church, and the Assembly of God.

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Fifteen boys are members of Boy Scout Troop No. 614 of which Lester Roberts is the scoutmaster. Three of the group are in line for their first class badge. The troop is sponsored by the Juneau Memorial Church.

Ketchikan young people assisted in the evening service on Race Relations Sunday, February 9, in presenting the service, "Together We Build." Young people participating were Charles Marlowe, Bettie Freeman, Ruby Eaton, Betsy Mary Ecklund, Minnette Williams, Dorothy Fick, and Francis Wilson. The offering went to the Board of National Missions for use in Negro work.

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The Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church put on a very successful Church Night supper February 18. They provided the program, decorations, and sent out invitations. Those attending brought a covered dish with dessert furnished by the Young People. The twenty-six new members received into the church during the last year were the guests of honor.

KAKE CHURCH REPAIRS

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Although not all the necessary materials are available, repair work on the Church began about the middle of February and will take about two months to complete. When the weather permits, painting of the Church will begin.

Arthur Johnson, lay worker, and several Kake Elders conducted evangelistic meetings at Petersburg, March 10-14.

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Ambitious Plans Laid By Yukon Presbytery

The annual meeting of the Presbytery of Yukon convened in Anchorage, Tuesday, February 4, with the Rev. R. Rolland Armstrong as host minister. Other ministers present were: Bert J. Bingle, College; Victor Alfsen, Palmer; N. Harry Champlin, Fairbanks; and Raymond Wotring, Cordova.

Preceding the meeting the Rev. Frank F. Warren, D.D., president of Whitworth College, gave a series of inspiring addresses.

The Rev. Bert J. Bingle, moderator of the Synod of Washington, was elected moderator of the Presbytery for the year.

Reports were heard from the Churches throughout the Territory and plans made for the ordination of Fred Koselmann of Fairbanks, now studying at Dubuque Seminary, and of Roy Ahmaogak of Barrow, now studying at Bloomfield Seminary.

It is hoped to send a delegation of young people to the first National Westminster Fellowship Assembly at Grinnell College, Ia. in June and to unite with the Presbytery of Alaska for a conference in Sitka in October.

Commissioners to General Assembly this year will be the Rev. Percy Ipalook of Wales and Elder Andrew Nerland of Fairbanks.

In Memoriam

In the passing of Frank D. Price, the Church at Sitka and the Church in Alaska has suffered a severe loss.

Known as a devout and tireless Christian worker, Mr. Price was a highly respected and well-loved Christian gentleman. Mr. Price was a graduate of Sitka Training School. He was an Elder in the Sitka Church. Last fall he was elected as a representative of the Territorial Legislature from the First Division.

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to his widow, Jessie Weir Price and to his children, Gertrude, Myrtle, Frank, Jimmy, and Georgia. May the God he served comfort and bring healing to their saddened hearts.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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mony in which the boys and girls lit candles representing the various peoples of the globe. The services were held for adults at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. E. D. Freeman is chairman of the Ketchikan United Council of Church Women which conducted a united service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Women's groups represented on the committee and on the program included the Assembly of God, Baptist, Beulah View Foursquare Mission, Lutheran, Methodist, Newtown Church of Christ, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal, Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, Salvation Army, Saxman Pentecostal Church of God, and Seventh Day Adventist.

Fairbanks Faithful In Subzero Weather

One of the New York papers, referring to Fairbanks, said:—"Even the Eskimos refuse to go out when the temperature drops below 40 below." Records of the Fairbanks Church show that when it was 55 below at 11 o'clock on January 17, 63 attended Sunday School, 81 attended Morning Worship, 24 Eskimos attended afternoon service, six intermediates and 16 Young People came in the afternoon, 40 attended the evening service (it had warmed up to 50 below), and 20 stayed for the fellowship hour after service. The next Sunday it was 53 below and the figures for the day vary only two or three persons.

Attendance at Morning Worship and Sunday School is increasing, now that the extreme cold weather has let up. Attendance at Sunday School has averaged 123. Many service men come to the services, especially to the Sunday Morning Java Club taught by Harry Brandt, director of the USO.

Andrew Nerland, president of the Territorial Senate this year, helped S. Hall Young build the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks. He has been an Elder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years. This year he was elected as Elder Commissioner to the General Assembly in Grand Rapids, Michigan from Yukon Presbytery.

A second Leadership Training School is under way which began the first Monday in Lent and will continue until Easter. The first hour, the course, "The New Testament: Its Content and Values" is taken by the entire group. The second hour two courses are offered simultaneously: "Recreational Leadership" and "Story-Telling."

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We believe in the ever-living God, who is a Spirit and the Father of our Spirits; infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in His being and perfections; the Lord Almighty, most just in all His ways, most glorious in holiness, unsearchable in wisdom and plenteous in mercy, full of love and compassion, and abundant in goodness and truth. We worship Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons in one Godhead, one in substance and equal in power and glory."

Suggested Scripture: Job 11:7-9, Ex. 20:1-3; John 4:20-24, Rom. 11:33-36, Isa. 40:18-31, Matt. 7:7-11, Isa. 6:1-8.

Hugh T. Kerr in his little book "Faith and Life" begins his discussion of this subject with these words "The first act of faith is belief in God." It is well that the word understand was not substituted for belief for then none of us could ever have expressed faith. Though we may believe in God he would cease to be God if we could understand and comprehend Him.

God is eternal. He exists from eternity to eternity. There is an eternity which is past, and an eternity which is to come. If this earth were to be considered as a spool or as an induction coil with an endless thread or wire wound around it over every inch of the earth's surface continuing to pass clear around the earth and lying side by side, the human foot would stand upon a multitude of strands. If one strand under foot could be separated from the others and on it a distance of one foot could be marked, that distance might be thought of as time, with a pencil dot representing our life's span on earth. We might in this way begin to comprehend a little of what eternity means. That dot however marks the beginning of a life that will exist as long as God exists, which is a solemn thought. We will never have part in the eternity that is past however, except as we existed in God's thoughts and plans for us. God is the ever-living and eternal God.

When the Assembly for the drafting of the Catechism was called by the British parliament to meet in Westminster some of the most learned and godly men that ever lived gathered there. One hundred and twenty-one ministers and thirty laymen deliberated for five and one-half years propounding and answering the questions of the Catechism.

The story is told that as they spent many days on the question "What Is God?" and no adequate answer was given, the Assembly one day after a long period of unfruitful discussion bowed in prayer to ask for special leading that the question might be answered without further delay. The youngest minister present was called upon to lead the Assembly in prayer, and as he prayed these words fell from his lips, "Oh God, who art a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in Thy being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth—". When he had finished praying the opening words of his prayer were used as the answer in the Catechism to the question "What Is God?" Most of these words have been incorporated in the Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith also, and cannot be improved upon.

The very mention of the name, God, should strike awe into the soul of every right thinking and intelligent human being. The Hebrew never pronounced the name of God in his language which in the English we represent by "Lord" in the Authorized Version. The Jews never used the name in conversation and tradition says that it was pronounced only once a year and then by the high priest on the Day of Atonement when he entered the Holy of Holies. This show the high regard in which the very name of God was held.

Robert Boyle, the great English scientist and the author of Boyle's Law on the compression of gasses, never mentioned the name of his Maker without a distinct pause before and after he had pronounced the word.

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Writes Bible In Inupiat Language

"And John wasclothed bighumpanimal hair and hadabelton a piefofskin and dideat insectsthatjump and beesnottamed thatwhichbeeseat."

So goes a literal retranslation from the Inupiat of the King James version of St. Mark 1:65 "And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey," as it is being done by Roy Ahmaogak, for the Inupiat tribe of Eskimos in Alaska.

Mr. Ahmaogak, 48-year-old Inupiat who is studying for the ministry at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Bloomfield, N.J., explained the difficulty of translating the Bible into an unwritten language at the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York City.

Two problems had to be solved, he said: First, the development of a scientific alphabet which can properly express the sounds of the language; second, the expression of unfamiliar nouns in comprehensible forms.

In solving the latter problem, a camel becomes a "big hump animal"; sheep, "hornless goats"; pigs, "queer deer," and wheat is "grain from which you make flour." Mr. Ahmaogak explained that while the 3000 to 5000 Inupiats — and members of other tribes who will understand the language — have no idea what wheat looks like, they do use flour. With him during the interview was Eugene A. Nida, the secretary for versions of the Bible Society.

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Haines House

Walter White and Cecelia Hayward helping bring in the rutabagas.

Graduation Busy Season for SJJC

Two Junior College students and eighteen high school seniors will receive their diplomas from Sheldon Jackson Junior College during Commencement Week May 18-23.

Graduation exercises for the Junior College graduates will be held May 22 at 8 p.m. in the college auditorium and the high school commencement will be at 10 a.m. May 23. Katherine Glad-

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IMPORTANT

President Leslie Yaw and Gladys Whitmore, principal of the high school department of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, announce September 17 as the opening date for the 1947-48 term.

Y. P. Summer Conferences Held in June

Young people's summer conferences will be held in both Alaska presbyteries in June. Alaska Presbytery's conference will be held on the campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, June 3-9. Yukon's Presbytery's conference will be held at King's Lake, June 9-16.

Frances M. Gray, Western Area Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, will teach at both conferences. The Rev. Kenneth Fox of Haines will be dean of the Alaska Presbytery conference. The Yukon Presbytery conference is a joint venture of Presbyterials and Methodists and has a senior and junior camp running simultaneously. The Rev. Bert J. Bingle will be dean of the senior group and the Rev. George Dolch, Methodist pastor at Anchorage, will be dean of the junior camp.

Classes offered at the Alaska Presbytery conference will be: First Period: Convocation: "Am I Really a Christian?" for all first year delegates. "Amos, the Voice of Justice" for second and third year delegates. Second Period: "How to Use the Bible for Help Today," "Youth at Work in the Church," "Evangelism—National Missions." Third Period: "Making the Home Christian," "Evangelism—Foreign Missions," "Management of Money."

Classes offered at the Yukon Presbytery conferences will be: Senior Group: First Period: "Am I Really a Christian?" Second Period: "Evangelism in Missions." Junior Group: First Period:

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THE NEED OF THE HOUR

The Word of God is being sent out these days as never before in the world's history. In Churches, in missions, over the radio, by millions of tracts, by Youth for Christ, on the billboards, in the buses, by personal evangelism and in countless other ways. Still there is no spiritual awakening—what's wrong?

The dynamite (God's Word) is being planted into the souls of men everywhere, but just like real dynamite, a flame in the fuse reaches the dynamite cap, the cap explodes and sets off the dynamite. The flame necessary for setting off the dynamite is PRAYER, and the dynamite cap can be likened to the Holy Spirit. When the flame of prevailing prayer for a soul has really reached the heart of God, His Spirit will begin to set aflame His Words which have been planted in the soul of the sinner, until that soul in repentance accepts Christ as Saviour.

God has chosen to limit Himself to work in answer to His children's prayers. We too often busy ourselves about the Lord's work, but neglect the Lord Himself. God's love for us is far greater than the love of any earthly father or mother for their children, but we treat Him too often as an impersonal force instead of as our Father, Who deeply loves us and desires our fellowship and desires to grant our prayers; especially our prayers that lost souls may be prevailed upon by Him to accept Christ.

"But," you say, "we just can't find time for much prayer these busy days." Well, would you find time if you were paid $15 an hour?—to pray?—Can it be that you love money more than souls, and more than you love God.

True, we must continue to plant the Gospel dynamite into every soul; but we will not reap these souls for Christ without prayer.

The need of the hour is for Christians everywhere who will covenant with God that they will enlist for service in the ministry of prayer. . . . Will you be one?

THE VERNACULAR OF THE DAY—

A recent **New Yorker** cartoon showed a father and his small son leaving a church service. When his father asked the boy how he liked it, he said it was all right "but the commercial was too long." Had the lad been older he would have added—correctly—"and too dull." In his recent book, **What's Wrong With Religion?** Karl B. Justus declares that 80 per cent of the sermons today miss the mark. One of the Greek words for "sin" literally means "missing the mark." Remember that, ye sinners who have undergone the process of ordination to the ministry!

Every theological student who takes the essential courses in New Testament Greek is carefully informed that the Greek of the New Testament was the language of the common people, the vernacular of the day. Preachers would do well to take a tip from that before they go into a pulpit. Also, they might remember that laymen today know nothing about the Bible and even less about Christianity. When they sit at anybody's feet to hear about religion it is at the feet of a preacher. It would be a good thing if the preacher spoke the language "understanded of the people" —particularly on Easter and Christmas.

Memorial Choir Good Statehood Argument

Juneau Memorial Church choir, under the direction of the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff, traveling on the M. S. "Princeton-Hall" gave a series of concerts at Haines House, and the churches at Klukwan, Haines, and Skagway April 26-27. On May 1, the choir gave a concert over radio station KINY, Juneau.

Just before the group left Skagway to return to Juneau, a practical business man connected with an organization that does important business in several of Alaska's strategic centers said of them, "When we have people like that, we are ready for Statehood." Christian church activity does raise civil citizenship rating and Presbyterians try to meet such responsibility effectively and efficiently.

NOISY PAINT JOB

Yes, the sunny days of Spring brought out the folks who have wanted for a long time to see their church painted. The women painted one end of the building, and it is reported that there was much laughter and joking. "Never before did a paint job sound like this one." The Kake manse also is a totally improved house. From the foundation up it has had a figure streamlining and a face lifting.

To the great credit of the Kake people and their leadership, they are making more investment than is the Board of National Missions in all this improvement. They are "rendering unto God, the things that are God's."

When the Presbytery of Alaska meets at Kake in 1948 it is likely they will find still more improvement.

DEFINITION

Feminine passenger to deckhand: When is the sea really rough?

Deckhand: The sea is really rough, lady, when the girls complain that the springs in their bunks bounce them around too much!

A big long train met a little short train and the big long train said, "I'm a-freight."

Short Order Dept.

Under the direction of Geraldine Beam, Sheldon Jackson choir sang at the "Blessing of the Fleet" Service during the Fishermen's Festival in Sitka. "Singing in the Rain" might well have been their theme song, but the downpour didn't dampen their spirits or cause any sour notes.

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Sitka people planning to go to Seattle aboard the "Vermay" on May 27 are the Rev. and Mrs. Elwood Hunter, Geraldine Beam, Gladys Whitmore, Helen Hatch, Roland Wurster, Carolyn and Ida Mae Hunter.

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Nineteen new members were taken into the Sitka Presbyterian Church on Easter morning.

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Dr. J. Earl Jackman spoke in the Haines Church Sunday morning, April 20, and in the evening of the same day in Skagway.

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Palmer Church has started a Friday evening prayer meeting, "The Hour of Power."

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Palmer Church celebrated its tenth anniversary on April 11 with a banquet. So many people showed up that they had to slice the turkey awfully thin but everybody seemed to have a fine time. Don Irwin was the toastmaster and Mrs. Margaret Miller and the Rev. B. J. Bingle did the reminiscing.

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March 16 saw the inauguration of another adult class in the Church School of the Fairbanks Church. The class is for young adults and is being taught by Dorothy Nichols.

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Juneau Northern Light Church presented their Choir Easter Sunday arrayed in new robes.

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The Fairbanks Mariners' Club recently purchased an enlarger for the dark room which is used by service men and other young folks in developing pictures. The Mariners have also taken the initiative in fixing up the Lounge so it can be used more effectively by Sunday School and young people's groups. The main project of the Mariners' Club is solicitation of money for the Restoration Fund.

Holy Week services were held at the Juneau Northern Light Church each evening. Kodachrome slides showing the Institution of the Lord's Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus were shown on Monday night. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered on Friday evening.

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On Sunday, April 13, Ralph G. Wright, recently elected by the congregation of the Northern Light Presbyterian Church of Juneau, was ordained to the office of Ruling Elder. At the same service Harold L. Blanchard, Murry L. Benedict, and George W. Folta were installed as Trustees.

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Anthony Baldini, concert pianist with the 774th Band at Ladd Field is the new choir director in the Fairbanks Church.

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Gifts of appreciation were given to the Rev. N. Harry Champlin and to Einar Tonseth, who resigned after serving twenty-eight years as church treasurer, at the annual congregational meeting of the Fairbanks Church, April 15.

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Cordova's Ministerial Association is sponsoring an advertising campaign in the local paper on the evils of the liquor traffic.

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Commissioners attending the 159th General Assembly at Grand Rapids, Michigan are the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff of Juneau and Elder Ralph Young of Sitka from Alaska Presbytery and the Rev. Raymond Wotring of Cordova and Elder Andrew Nerland of Fairbanks from Yukon Presbytery.

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The Hon. Frank Johnson of Kake, member of the Alaska legislature, made official visitation to the upper Lynn Canal communities taking passage aboard the M. S. "Princeton-Hall" on its northern trip the last of April.

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Baccalaureate services for Craig's Eighth Grade graduating class were held at the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. V. J. Swanson bringing the message. Special music was furnished by the choir, a mixed quartette, and eight junior girls.

Klawock's choir, under the direction of George Demmert, presented its Christmas cantata at Hydaburg, Craig, and Klawock and its Easter cantata at Klawock and Craig. Offerings from these presentations were enough to purchase next year's music.

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Deacons Richard Carle and Tom Hollywood of the Klawock Church with the help of the young men of the Church Kemtoned the walls and ceiling of the Church after washing the interior.

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The Rev. B. Ross Cleeland, assisted by the Rev. Byron Personeus, held services each evening during Holy Week in the Klawock Church.

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Hydaburg Church taking stock at the end of the Church year discovered that current receipts, benevolences, and membership are the highest this year in the entire history of the Church.

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Twenty-two young people of the Hydaburg Church are in attendance at institutions of higher learning. Twelve of this number are at Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

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James Edenso directed the Hydaburg choir in singing their Easter cantata.

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"Memories of Easter Morn," an Easter cantata was presented by the Metlakatla Presbyterian choir on Easter Sunday evening, under the direction of Arthur Nelson.

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Delegates to Presbytery and Presbyterial from the Metlakatla Church gave their reports on Sunday evening, April 20. The service was followed by a reception in the social room given by the women of the Church.

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During the absence of the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff to General Assembly, the Juneau Memorial pulpit will be filled by John C. Goins, Jr.

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"The Good Shepherd," the long-awaited painting for the Skagway chancel, was dedicated at the Easter Sunday morning service.

Women's Activities

At the first meeting of each women's group in Alaska Presbyterial following this year's meeting at Sitka, a candlelight service was held. Mrs. Ted Benson of Metlakatla at the opening of Presbyterial had brought her candle from the national meeting at Grand Rapids. Now each delegate brought back to her local society her candle from Presbyterial.

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Each box holder in the Sitka post office recently received an attractive invitation to listen in on a program broadcast over Sitka station KBW each Friday afternoon at 4:45 p.m. and entitled "Victorious Living." The program is sponsored by the Women of the Presbyterian Church and is proving most popular. Mrs. Elwood Hunter is conducting the program which consists of fifteen minutes of Bible study.

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New officers of the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church are: President, Mrs. Vera McCubbins; vice-president, Mrs. Muriel Anderson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Mary Folk.

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Delegates to Presbyterial furnished a program in review of their meetings at Sitka to a joint May luncheon of the World Service Circle and the Martha Society of the Juneau Northern Light Church on May 9. Hostesses were Mesdames Geeslin, Husted, Sanford, Green, Heisel, Blomgren, Jr., Boyd, Knight, Rogers, and Booth.

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The Fairbanks Ladies' Aid are planning for their annual Rose Tea. This is held usually around June 10 when the wild roses and blue bells are in bloom. The women gather these blossoms to decorate the home in which the tea is held. This is one of the many projects the women engage in during the year which enable them to make a sizeable contribution to the work of the Fairbanks church. This year the group is also planning to engage in a study program of National and Foreign Missions at their monthly meetings.

Members of the World Service Circle of the Juneau Northern Light Church conducted a Missionary Round-up on April 11. Mesdames Carl Weidman and Clifford L. Swap were hostesses, and Mrs. Burrus Smith led the devotions.

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Mrs. Jessie Price, president of the Sitka Ladies Aid, was chairman for a Mother-Daughter banquet held at the USO, May 8. Gladys Whitmore was the speaker, Sara Fernald was the toastmistress. Music was provided by Betty Jo Yaw, Myrtle Price, Barbara Rands, Carmena and Audrey French. The dinner committee consisted of Mesdames Roy Avrit, Cecil McClain, Elwood Hunter, Leslie Yaw and Miss Helen Case.

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New officers of the Juneau Memorial Women's Missionary Society are: Amy James, president; Bessie McCulloch, vice-president; Harriet Roberts, secretary; Margaret Cropley, treasurer; Nellie Willard, sergeant-at-arms.

Presbyterial Set Goals for Year

Alaska Presbyterial Society held its twentieth annual meeting at Sitka jointly with the Alaska Presbytery, April 11-15. Twenty of the twenty-one local societies were represented with forty-one delegates, nine Presbyterial officers, and several visitors. Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council brought a message the first day of the session.

A definite spirit of consecration and a renewed interest in the mission program of the Presbyterial prevailed throughout the four day session. Challenging messages were given. Mrs. Chester Latta spoke on "The Christian Home"; Isabel Miller on "The Christian and Race"; Mrs. W. R. Booth on "Stewardship"; Gladys Whitmore on "Qualifications of a Foreign Missionary"; Rev. Elwood Hunter on "The New Life Movement."

Goals set for the year 1947-48 were:

1. Request an investigation of Territorial law regarding religious education in the Territorial schools.
2. To foster and develop in our children a true sense of God and to worship Him through Church and Sunday School attendance, including grace at meals, prayer, and Bible readings.
3. To encourage the Church and home to provide wholesome recreation for all ages through family night, hobbies, music, etc.
4. Request a site to be purchased for Junior and Intermediate conference grounds.
5. Request someone on Presbyterial Gospel Team to specialize on mission materials and methods.
6. More materials to be sent to each society, and the local chairman to urge the use of it.
7. Missionary Education Secretary to send free literature each month to local societies.
8. More subscriptions to Church magazines by individual members.
9. Each local society have a stewardship secretary and study the meaning of stewardship.
10. Each local society to increase its benevolence apportionment by increased personal giving.

A recommendation was presented to Presbytery and accepted that the Presbyterial Gospel Tour on the M.S. "Princeton-Hall" to be continued every two years. A special fund of 50c per Presbyterial member will be raised to finance this trip. It was felt that much of the success of this year's meeting could be attributed to the officers tour last fall when the members had opportunity to become better acquainted with the purpose of Presbyterial.

Since the fiscal year has been changed to correspond to the calendar year, it will be necessary for all apportionments of local societies to be in the hands of the Treasurers by December first.

CZECH NEEDS

In Czechoslovakia the theological seminaries are eager to have books. They ask especially for Hebrew and Greek text books, for theological students. These are not available and Bibles in the language of the people have not been obtainable. — EXCEED YOUR RESTORATION FUND QUOTA.

More Shorts

On April 30, the usual prayer meeting and Bible study group met at the Juneau Memorial Church. The pastor, Walter Soboleff spoke on "God's Faithfulness in providing our daily needs." As an example of this John Goins and the pastor has gathered herring eggs that afternoon from Auk Bay. Joyously the meeting closed and all went to the Church recreation hall for their annual herring egg feast.

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Ketchikan Presbyterians and Methodists co-operated in a three-hour Good Friday service at the Methodist Church from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Each speaker took one of the "Seven Last Words" of Christ for his theme. The first speaker was the Rev. E. D. Freeman, Presbyterian pastor; second, Rev. W. A. Cox, Methodist pastor; third, Mrs. C. T. Hattrick, Methodist lay preacher; fourth, the Rev. G. E. Knight, Methodist district superintendent; fifth, Dr. Earl R. Brown of the Methodist General Board of Missions; sixth, Dr. Earl Jackman; seventh, Dr. Mark A. Dawber of the Home Missions Council. About 200 people attended some part of the service.

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The Ketchikan Community Chorus, under the direction of William Salt, presented Theodore Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ" on Good Friday evening at the Presbyterian Church.

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An informal inter-church service was held at the Methodist Church in Ketchikan on Easter Sunday evening. Dr. Mark A. Dawber spoke on the program of the Home Missions Council and gave a picture of all Home Missions fields. Dr. J. Earl Jackman spoke on the situation in Europe. Dr. Earl R. Brown gave a picture of missions in the Orient. The meeting was thrown open for questions and discussion from the floor. The Presbyterian choir sang two Easter anthems.

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"The Christian Home" is the general theme of Sunday morning sermons and mid-week prayer meeting discussions during the month of May in the Ketchikan Church.

Miss Marjorie Paulus, and Mesdames Milton Jackson, Drency Dudley, and Willis Hamilton were ordained deacons in the Ketchikan Church, May 11. Francis Wilson and Tom Jensen were installed as trustees at the same service.

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Ketchikan people are proud of the new doors to the church dedicated on April 20. Francis Wilson, who designed the doors; Clyde McGillvray, foreman of the shop in which they were constructed; and Isaac Johnson, who did most of the work of constructing the doors and hanging them, were in the service.

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Members of the Juneau Northern Light Church owning singing canary birds brought them to the morning worship service on Mother's Day, where they adorned the worship service with the beauty of their song.

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Several men of the Juneau Northern Light Church have completed the landscaping of the Church front.

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With the permission of Presbytery, the Petersburg Church has changed its name from the Thlinget Presbyterian Church to the First Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, in order that the church might not be discriminating in its outreach and service.

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Skagway's Holy Week services included a candlelight communion service on Maundy Thursday. Good Friday afternoon grade school children were dismissed to attend a service of meditation and song with a flannelgraph portrayal of the Crucifixion. A large number of people attended the evening service which was based on the Negro spiritual, "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" Ben Wright sang, while seven other men gave readings in connection with slide pictures of the events of the crucifixion.

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"The New Life Movement" is the background of Sunday morning sermons in the Skagway Church during the month of May. It is also the subject of informal discussions at the mid-week prayer meeting.

Andrew Wanamaker and Frank Richardson have put a new foundation under the Petersburg Church, and are planning to remodel the roof and add new roofing, and make the manse habitable for the new pastor and his wife.

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Slides of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord were shown at the Easter Sunday evening service at Skagway. The adult choir sang several anthems.

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$20.06 was raised in a special offering of the Skagway Church towards the $900 fund being raised in the Presbytery for new twin motors for the "Princeton-Hall."

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Mrs. H. D. Clark, who came to Skagway in 1901, passed away April 28. Mrs. Clark was treasurer of the Church for over twenty years.

Students Wage Wars On Rocks and Dirt

"Working on the rockpile" was a reality (but not so grim) on the Sheldon Jackson campus Saturday night, May 3. Rallying to the call of John Borbridge, the students donned work clothes and each one armed with his (or her) own two fists and a number ten can, attacked the rocks on the the lawn. It seems that a new power mower is in the offing and the rocks that have accumulated on the lawn during the war years when masculine rock pickers were otherwise engaged, make a hazard not to be encountered by an expensive lawn mower. The number of cans of rocks gathered has not yet been tabulated, but the rock gatherers say there were several.

This is the second such episode at Sheldon Jackson in recent weeks. The first was termed the "Whitmore War." Students were on the offensive and on the defensive was the dirt in the gym. The attacking army, armed with mops, pails, scrub brushes, soap, and other dirt defying weapons waged war on the grimy gym walls and floor. Needless to say, the dirt was defeated and the gym now shines like the proverbial new penny.

GOD IS LOVE

Westminster Fellowship

Five young people from Yukon Presbytery will drive down the Alcan Highway with the Rev. Bert J. Bingle to the National Westminster Fellowship Assembly at Grinnell College in Iowa. They will first go to King's Lake for the opening of the Yukon Fellowship conference. Then after dedication and communion services, the delegation will bid farewell on the morning of June 16. They will stop enroute on the highway holding Gospel services at respective points. After July 4 at the conclusion of the national meeting, the delegation will drive to Yakima, where they will be at Synod; meeting with Washington Synod Westminster Fellowship.

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The junior choirs of the Northern Light Church in Juneau sang twelve numbers at the morning Church worship service on Palm Sunday under the direction of Mrs. D. L. MacKinnon.

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Existing facilities for space and chairs in the Fairbanks church are inadequate for the rapidly growing Primary Department. Attendance during the month of April averaged over 150 for the entire Sunday School.

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Keen interest was shown in an exciting balloon race in the Palmer Sunday School. The race lasted three months resulting in the average attendance being doubled. The increased attendance has continued since the end of the contest.

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Cake making is a favorite pastime with the Klawock Girls' Club, consisting of girls in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. These girls made cakes for their government school teacher, Mrs. Carl T. Stenson, and for their mothers for Mother's Day. This same group have formed a girls choir under the direction of Mrs. Archie Demmert.

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Senior Young People of the Ketchikan and Fairbanks churches have a time of fellowship every Sunday evening after the church service.

Certificates were presented at the annual program of the Craig Children's Bible Club on May 4. Certificates with second year seals of "Faithfulness" were presented to sixteen second year members. First year seals of "Honor" were presented to five members. Memory work this year included Bible A B C's, Psalm 100, Questions and Answers, two stanzas of a hymn, the books of the Bible, and several choruses.

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Perfect attendance has been stressed in the Hydaburg Sunday School. During the last three months of 1946, fourteen pupils out of an average attendance of forty-eight had perfect attendance. In the first quarter of 1947, there were seventeen pupils out of an average attendance of 54. This Sunday School also established a record both for Sunday School offerings and for benevolent giving.

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Juneau will have a union Vacation Church School June 2-13 with Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, and Salvation Army churches co-operating.

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Arabell Heard is the adviser of the newly organized Christian Endeavor group which meets on Sunday evenings under the Westminister Fellowship program of the Ketchikan Church. The society consists of teen-agers.

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Members of the senior choir and Westminster Fellowship of the Juneau Memorial Church presented a pageant, "The Testimony of the Twelve," on Easter Sunday evening.

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Several pairs of roller skates have been received at Skagway and more are being ordered for the summer Community Center program. Membership of the Teen Age Club will help run the rink.

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Skagway has a youth budget of $425, which is divided $300 for local expenses and $125 for benevolences. The Easter offering for the work of Foreign Missions was over sixteen dollars.

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GOD IS LOVE

Bingle Travels Yukon with God

Holy Week and Easter services began two and one-half weeks before Easter for the Rev. Bert J. Bingle, industrial chaplain of the Yukon presbytery. Two weeks before Palm Sunday found him on the Alaska Railroad visiting the stations of Summit, Suntrana, and Healy. At Summit he arrived at midnight on a freight train and had to leave at 10:30 a.m. the next day. The service at this C.A.A. camp was well attended, as was the service that afternoon at Suntrana, a coal mining camp. The evening before services were held at Healy, a junction point on the Alaska Railroad.

The week preceding Palm Sunday found Mr. Bingle in the Arctic in the Naval Petroleum No. 4 Area. Mr. Bingle says of this experience, "Visitation and services were an enjoyment in each case. Camps are camps in any language. We think of them as coarse, sometimes unnecessarily so, and a place for clean folks to avoid. But that is only for the sophisticated of the clergy. One finds the most intelligent, courageous, hard-working men folk in the world. They may be a little rough at times, due to their absence from home and loved ones, but their hearts are of gold. Their response to the Gospel message and kind association is most encouraging."

On Good Friday, Bingle accompanied by his wife drove 105 miles to Big Delta, a camp consisting of a few enlisted men, some A. D. workers, and C.A.A. There they visited and had worship services, including communion, in a quonset hut. Saturday found them in an Athapascan Indian village for services in the mid-afternoon. That evening they held services at Tok in the mess hall, and people came from Tok, Tanacross, and Cathedral, 27 miles away. Communion again closed the service.

Easter morning found the Bingles at Northway, a larger copy of Big Delta. Twenty-seven came to worship in a log chapel, also used as a schoolroom. That evening found them 40 miles over

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WRITES BIBLE

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Words are run together when translated back into English, according to Mr. Nida, because the Inupiat language uses a beginning stem and attaches suffixes which, once attached, become an integral part of the word and very difficult to break up. The results include "some of the longest words in the world," he said.

For example, Mr. Ahmaogak took the sentence, "I am well pleased with thee." In Inupiat, it becomes all one word, "ivigaumatigiluatagikpin." The first ten letters make up the stem, which is "well pleased."

The Roman alphabet is used, but only three vowels, "i," "a" and "u." For the long sound of the vowel, the letter is doubled. Twenty-one consonants are used, with diacritical markings to indicate different sounds. Mr. Nida said Eskimos who speak Inupiat and related dialects will probably have no trouble learning to read it in "three or four weeks with an hour lesson each day."

Mr. Ahmaogak said he left Alaska for the first time last May to attend the Presbyterian General Assembly in Atlantic City. With the encouragement of Dr. J. Earl Jackman, secretary of the Unit of Work in Alaska of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., he embarked on the translation project and decided to attend the seminary.

Educated through grade school at the government school in Barrow, he taught there for 14 years, he said. He also was a hunter, trapper and whaler for some time. He was a lay worker in the missions at Barrow and Wainwright, which is 100 miles east of Barrow. When he is ordained, he will be the second ordained Eskimo minister in Alaska. He is married and has 11 children.

Mr. Nida said the Bible now has been officially translated into 1068 languages, but that work on 1000 more versions, among them the Inupiat, is in progress.—Reprinted from an article in the New York Herald-Tribune.

Catty

First Cat: I didn't know you cared for tennis.

Second Cat: I didn't use to, but my best friend is in the racket.

What Is Alaska to You?

What is ALASKA to you?
War and din of battle strife,
Western neighbor making danger rife,
Is this Alaska to you?

What is Alaska to you?
PEOPLE, long in ancient customs bound,
Waiting by Christ to be found,
Is this Alaska to you?

What is Alaska to you?
CHRIST'S CALL, the load of sin to lift,
Service for Him there, in prayer and gift?
May this be Alaska, TO YOU.

Presbyterian Pin

Clarence Warfield of Juneau, Alaska, has been selected as agent through whom to order the new Presbyterian pins. Presbyterians who would like to wear a distinctly Presbyterian pin to indicate their interest and membership should order them at once through Mr. Warfield. The pins contain the words Presbyterian Church and are in the form of a Celtic Cross. They are made of sterling silver and cost $1.40 each. The cash must accompany the order.

BINGLE TRAVELS

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the border into Canada where they held a service at a B.Y.N. hotel. Folks gathered from as far as twenty-eight miles to hear the glorious message of Easter and to partake of the Lord's Supper. The Bingles were accompanied on this trip by the head of the C.A.A. at Northway. After the evening service they drove back to Northway, a distance of some 120 miles.

Monday found them enroute to Palmer, some 350 miles away, to help prepare the King's Lake property for summer conferences and to attend the tenth anniversary of the founding of the United Protestant Church at Palmer.

Mr. Bingle summing up this trip says, "All in all we had a lovely time in the Lord. No hardships, just had to change bearing inserts at one point. I carry those as spare parts. Since that time I have covered all these points again, including the Arctic."

Spiritual Care On Japonski Is.

A definite curriculum for religious instruction will be worked out by religious leaders in Sitka next fall when the winter term begins at Mt. Edgecombe school on Japonski Island. At present those working with the project express themselves as most grateful for the time they have had at the close of this year for finding the needs and the best ways of meeting them.

Mr. Hunter and a number of teachers from SJS have been carrying on Bible study and junior church for the Presbyterian Church. As yet it has been mostly a process of acquainting themselves with the physical setup of the school and hospitals, but they feel that real progress has been made toward the establishment of a great work in that field.

It is no small task to know how best to reach each person in a 120 bed hospital or even in a 35 bed hospital. Mr. Hunter tries to see each one in the 120 bed Alice Island Sanitorium as well as the Orthopedic Hospital. He goes into the wards, plays his saw, and tells the children stories. His knowledge of sea life stands him in good stead in this work and he has used that fund of information for illustration.

Each Tuesday night religious leaders go to Mt. Edgecombe for formal religious instruction. Classes from the fourth grade up are organized and each class has a Bible lesson. This instruction is non-denominational.

On Sunday afternoons from 4 o'clock to 5 o'clock the Junior Church service is held. At present the plan is similar to the Tuesday evening service, except it is approached from a sermon viewpoint rather than a classroom viewpoint.

Prayer for Alaska

Almighty Father, hear our prayer
Lifted for myriad souls in darkness bound.
Alleviate them, God, from their despair;
Submit their hearts Thy grace to share.
Kind Christ for them died: may they be found
Aligned with Him when trumpets sound.

What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article II Of Revelation

"We believe that God is revealed in nature, in history, and in the heart of man; that He has made gracious and clearer revelations of Himself to men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; and that Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. We gratefully receive the Holy Scriptures, given by inspiration, to be the faithful record of God's gracious revelations and the sure witness of Christ, as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life."

Suggested Scripture: John 1:1-14; Heb. 1:1-4; II Tim. 3:14-17; II Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 16:13-23; John 14:1-10; Rev. 1:1-6.

So called "holy men" of many religions seek to find the divine being by periods of self-denial, days and months of meditation, wearisome pilgrimages, or prolonged periods of prayer. What they find is uncertain at best. The Christian faith holds that God is found not as a result of man's seeking but of God's own revealing. He reveals Himself therefore we can seek and find Him.

As spring returns to the land, God is revealed to us in the wonders of nature. The miracles of returning life testify to a purposeful Being. The orderly movement of the heavenly bodies witness to their Creator. The amazing fact of the magnetic pole tells of His loving care for His creatures. In history the Ruler of the Universe reveals Himself as a God of righteousness whose laws of right and wrong cannot be broken without danger. Seeing Him in these ways we remember that He also reveals himself to the heart and conscience of men.

But these revelations are only partial. The person who stops with these will never have his soul hunger for God satisfied. "He has made gracious and clearer revelations of Himself to men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Thus we have the witness of historian, prophet, and apostle in the Bible, God's Holy Word. We have the Old Testament which records the working of God among His chosen people. Each book and incident tells something additional of the character and person of God. If we would know God we must search the Scriptures. In the New Testament is found the most complete revelation of God in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, who is "the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person." In the Son is seen the Father, in His acts the working of God, in His love the yearning of the Creator. Man ever tends to want some concrete evidence of his God. Therefore the pagan makes his idol or worships the sun, moon or a tree. God, understanding this need of man, sent His Son as the perfect revelation of Himself. John speaks of Him as the One, "which we have seen with our eyes . . . and our hands have handled, of the Word of life."

Not only did God send His Son but He inspired chosen men to write of His perfect life and atoning death. In addition He led others to give more complete accounts of the Christian Church and its faith. Thus we have the Scriptures of the New Testament which only tell of God's greatest and best revelation of Himself.

Studying the Book will give us a desire to know the Author of the Book. Further study will help us to receive His Son as Saviour and Master. Then as Christ is formed in us we will find God more clearly revealed in the pages of the Word. Yes, "we gratefully receive the Holy Scriptures," and in expressing the thankfulness of our hearts seek to live in the light of God's revelation. There is no other rule to guide in faith and in life. Our soul-hunger satisfied we hold out to the hungry world the Bread of Life. If the world is to have New Life it must have the Bible, the written word; it must have Christ, the living word.—John K. Dodge.

Many prayers go to the dead letter office of heaven for want of sufficient direction.

GRADUATION BUSY

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felter, Assistant Secretary of the Unit of Educational and Medical Work of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, will be present and give the commencement address to the Junior College graduates.

"Careers for Tomorrow" will be the theme for the commencement speeches of the high school class. Each student will present a phase of the subject.

Commencement Week promises to be jam packed with important events. During the week the Awards program will be a highlight. Individual awards for achievement in athletics, scholarship, and in the Current Events Test will be presented. It is expected that at least eight "SJ's" will be awarded. The annual farewell party for all staff members and students will be held Wednesday, May 21 in the auditorium.

Y. P. SUMMER

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"Principles of Christian Living." Second Period: "Handicraft." Third Period: "Bible Study."

Afternoons will be filled with various activities that will include interest groups such as chorus, pageantry, study of marine life, newspaper, and other hobbies, and a planned program of recreation. The evenings will include Vespers and programs some of which will be on the foolish side and some on the serious.

Leaders at the Alaska Presbytery conference will include the following ministers: Elwood Hunter, Paul Prouty, Alwin Gall, Kenneth Fox, Raymond Spivey, Ross Cleeland, Edward Freeman, John Dodge, and layworker Cyrus Peck, and Mesdames Willis Booth, Raymond Spivey, Ross Cleeland, Verne Swanson, and Leslie Yaw, Fern Gabel, Gladys Whitmore, and Jessie Frazer of the Sheldon Jackson staff.

Yukon leaders include Bert Bingle and Victor Alfsen, Presbyterian ministers; Dolch and Skidmore, Methodist ministers; Dorothy Nichols, Mrs. G. E. Knight, Thelma Glenn.

Always think your thoughts as though you were in the presence of Christ.

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Presbytery to Discuss Purchase Conf. Grounds

At the Spring meeting of Alaska Presbytery, the Committee on Christian Education was commissioned to investigate the possibility of securing a summer conference ground.

The committee has investigated the possibility of securing land through the Public Land Office. They found that no provision has been made whereby religious organizations can secure land for religious purposes. To secure such land takes an act of Congress over the signature of the President.

Two pieces of privately-owned land in the Haines area that can be purchased were next investigated by the Committee. One is 40 miles from Haines on the Haines Cut-off, and the other is three and one-half miles from Haines on a side road. The latter consists of 20 acres on Chilkoot Inlet and is the more ideal location. It is located amidst beautiful scenery with enough gently sloping land for building, a beach, and boating possibilities. The price of the land is $1000. The present owner will contribute $100 towards purchase making the price $900 to the Church.

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"SEA EASE"

Laurence T. Doig spent most of the summer doing a number of repair jobs on the Sheldon Jackson campus, but found time to take the "Sea Ease" on her maiden cruise with Chester Latta. They enjoyed trolling, trout fishing, and just being out and away from responsibilities of the job for a few days. The "Sea Ease" is the boat which Larry and Chet rebuilt this last year.

Alaska

A—is for Alaska, unburdened
with care;
L—is the Liquor in evidence everywhere.
A—is for Ancient customs rooted
in sin;
S—for the Sin causing turmoil
within.
K—is for Kept by Christ who can
save;
A—is for ALL—let us give as He
gave.

Koschmann Ordained At Anchorage Church

Anchorage is growing. Everywhere buildings, homes, service stations, and churches seem busier than ever before. The Presbyterian Church is keeping up with the situation.

Faith Chapel one mile from downtown Anchorage has come into its own with its own pastor, the Rev. Fred B. Koschmann, ordained to the Gospel ministry on September 10 by the Presbytery of Yukon. This area has many new homes. It is the center for two large trailer courts. People adjacent to the Chapel should build it into a flourishing congregation.

Fred Koschmann was born in Northern Idaho, reared near Spokane, Washington, received a B.F.A. degree in music from Oklahoma City University, a B.A. degree in education from Eastern Washington College of Education, and a B.D. degree from the University of Dubuque Presbyterian Seminary.

Fred first came to Alaska in 1936. He taught at the University of Alaska, in the Territorial School systems, and was the Superintendent of Schools at Anchorage during the 1943-44 school year. Three years ago, the Koschmann's left Anchorage for their Biblical studies, feeling

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Alaska & Yukon Adult Conference October 16-26

Sheldon Jackson Junior College will play host to the third annual Adult Workers' Conference, October 16-26. The conference will be preceded by an important meeting of Alaska Presbytery on October 15.

Mrs. Charles B. Fernald, member of the Board of National Missions and president of New Jersey Synodical, will be the leader for the women's group. At the time that the Alaska Presbyterian is going to press, no announcement has been made as to whom will be the Spiritual Leader and Bible Teacher nor exactly what courses will be offered. But there will be courses offered in Bible, Women's Work, Evangelism, and other phases of Church work.

This year's conference will include delegates from both Presbyteries. Delegates from Yukon Presbytery are expecting to drive down the Haines Cut-off, and there to board the SJS II for Sitka. Delegates from the southern end of Alaska Presbytery will travel on the M. S. Princeton-Hall. The tuition for the school is $20, which includes fare on the boats and board and room while

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RALLY DAY PLANS

Rally Day plans were drawn up at a Church Workers' conference in August at the Fairbanks Church. Sunday, September 21, will be observed as Rally Day by all organizations of the church. Each organization will tell briefly its aim and program for the coming year in such a way as to attract newcomers. This will be done in the morning worship service.

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"This Do in Remembrance of Me"—

The command of Jesus to remember Him is most nearly fulfilled in our modern institution of "World Wide Communion Sunday."

Once in a village church the Duke of Wellington knelt among the people at the communion. A countryman coming forward to take his place noticed His Grace and drew away. The Duke hastily pulled the man down beside him, whispering in his ear: "Man, there is no rank in His sight."

On October fifth Alaska Protestants will join in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At that table there will be no rank, or position. The Pastor, Elders and people will be of one heart and mind. Together in our small part of the world we will be joined in Christian love.

Whoever stands before the Communion table assumes a great responsibility. The individual says to himself and the world, "I reaffirm my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I pledge myself to united Christian work. I pray for the salvation of mankind."

With Christian unity and this pledge of our undying love we are then prepared to look up from our communion table to the rest of the world. From it we will see the unshaken Cross over Nagasaki. Look again and we will see our brothers in India. Look still further and our vision focuses on Jewish brethren in their conflict, and Europe writhing in the pain of reconstruction. Look still further and we come to the steaming forests of Africa and the Cliffs of Dover.

Joined together in this great day of praise there will go forth from the earth an Alleluia Chorus, "And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

We are told that in Africa, a native convert, acting as a guide for a missionary party was setting out on a hazardous journey through a dense and almost trackless jungle. He comforted the party by saying, "The way is hard and tangled, but there is a Man ahead of us." The Man Jesus Christ leads us on. With Betty Schoonmaker let us pray,

"As I bow down before Thee, Lord
And take this bread and wine;
Accept me, sinful as I am,
Through Thy rich grace divine."

R. ROLLAND ARMSTRONG.

More Fruitful Labors

Can one be an effective Christian apart from the Church? Perhaps, but not the MOST effective Christian. The best men, acting independently, cannot Christianize the social order any more, says Dr. Lucock, than a group of individuals can create a city water system by sinking a well "each in his own back yard."

Let us fully recognize then our personal responsibility to worship and contribute of our time and means to the Church, that it may be the vital instrument in God's hand which He intends it to be.

The program which your church and others carefully work out affect thousands of souls to whom Christianity has not yet become a workable faith. You can understand the whole great program only by attending the various meetings of your church organizations. Such attendance is a part of your duty as a Christian, and is the primary way in which you demonstrate your belief that your church has a vital place in the affairs of the world.

Alaska Calls

Alaska calls! With joy my heart respondeth,
Through fog and rain I labor day by day;
The bitter cold but lures me to my mission,
For souls are lost and I must show the way.

Awake! Awake! The long, dark night has ended,
The winter snows have melted with the spring;
Alaska now may hear the Savior calling,
For He has come to cause all hearts to sing.

Too late! Too late! They will not heed the message,
O that I could but bring them to my Lord:
Alaska calls. God, keep me true and faithful,
That I may go and win them by Thy Word.

—Oswald J. Smith.

Women's Activities

Over 100 persons attended the annual community picnic sponsored by the Haines Women's Missionary Society at the Martin Madsen homestead. Baked sockeye was the main dish. An offering was taken in the form of little aprons containing coinage equal to the measure of each lady's waist. This amounted to more than $10.

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Haines Women's Missionary Society is making an effort to work out a program plan for the entire year following the Theme: Good Ground. The meetings will be held in the homes of the community instead of exclusively at Haines House.

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Thanksgiving Day services in the Haines Church will be conducted by members of the Women's Missionary Society.

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Haines Church will have a Church dinner in October sponsored by the Missionary Society.

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Members of the Skagway Women's Church Auxiliary are helping with refreshments for the Sunday evening fellowships following the evening services.

Vacations

Kenneth Fox and family of Haines, including the family dog, drove down the Alcan Highway to Wisconsin. They left Haines on June 16 and returned on July 16. A total of 18 days was spent on the road. Kenneth spoke in four Churches on the work in Alaska. The Foxes found that this was an enjoyable trip, an economical way to travel, and the highway in excellent condition, with tourist facilities developing all along the way.

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Emma M Stauffer spent her vacation in Sitka where her foot was operated on by Dr. Phillip Moore.

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Dorothy M. Callecod will leave Haines House in September for five months study in Biblical Seminary in New York City. She will be accompanied by Nena Thompson, who came to Haines House from Bristol Bay in April 1946 shortly before the death of her foster father. She is now going to live with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Larsen of Boston. Mrs. Larsen is a graduate of the Dorland-Bell School (now a part of Warren Wilson Junior College) and a former student of Isabel Miller.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chester Latta of the Sheldon Jackson faculty and their family, accompanied by Nancy Yaw and Sara Fernald, went to Haines on the SJS II when it went to pick up delegates for the Westminster Fellowship summer conference, and then drove up the Alcan Highway in Kenneth Fox's car to Fairbanks, and then came home on the SJS II when it returned delegates to Haines. The Lattas found Fairbanks terribly crowded, and spent one night sleeping in three-decker beds in the basement of the Assembly of God. They traveled about 1350 miles and found the Alaska Highway is really a good, gravel road.

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The Vic Alfsens of Palmer spent two weeks vacation visiting with the Bromleys at Eklutna.

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Roland B. Wurster, dean of the Sheldon Jackson Junior College, attended the University of Oregon for both summer sessions.

Mrs. Helen Hatch, Sheldon Jackson's director of Christian Education, accompanied Alaska Presbytery's delegates to the Westminster Fellowship National Assembly. Mrs. Hatch says, "I was privileged to be there as an observer, learning all I could about this comparatively new branch of youth work. I had a rich experience at the National Assembly. I was deeply impressed by the fine work our youth are doing and by their serious concern for spiritual things." Following the week at Grinnell, Mrs. Hatch represented National Missions at three Westminster Fellowship summer conferences teaching the course on World Evangelism and having interest groups on Alaska. The first conference was at Waldenwoods, Michigan. From there she went to the College of Wooster for two conferences. She found young people everywhere particularly eager for more information on the New Life Movement and ready to give themselves to prayer and the study of the Word.

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Rolland Armstrong, pastor of the Anchorage Church, had nearly four months of vacation. He attended General Assembly, Northfield Missionary Conference, the School of Theology at Princeton Seminary, and the summer session of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky. The Church family presented the Armstrongs with a new Ford at a testimonial dinner in April and the car was delivered to them at Seattle. The trip of over 16,000 miles included visitations to the homes of former GI's and friends from Seattle and Los Angeles to Boston. Arrangements were made during the trip to finance the purchase of a new manse for the Anchorage Church. The present manse is to be converted into educational equipment. During the summer the pulpit was supplied by Bert Bingle, Victor Alfsen, Carl DeMott, and Chaplain Gerritt Mouw of Fort Richardson. Thelma Glenn, Director of Christian Education, was in charge of programs and administration of the office.

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Prayer changes things.

The Willis R. Booths began a two months vacation in the States on August 15. They will return to the Northern Light Church in Juneau on October 23. They are visiting in Kansas City, St. Louis, Birmingham, and points in Illinois.

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Ed Freeman, pastor of the Ketchikan Church, and his father Judge Edward Freeman of Virginia, Minnesota, spent a week visiting Juneau, Skagway, and Whitehorse, via Ellis Air Lines, Alaska Coastal Air Lines, the White Pass & Yukon Railroad, and Pan American Airways.

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Sitka people, appreciating the good and hard work of their pastor, Elwood Hunter, and sensing how much he needed a good rest, presented him with $200 one night at prayer meeting and told him to go and have a vacation on it. On his vacation he attended some of the meetings of California Synod, where he heard Dr. Paxton present the New Life Movement and plead the cause of evangelism. Elwood also attended a presentation of the Westminster Fellowship National Conference. About 500 young people took part in this, who were delegates to Youth Synod in California. Elwood reports that there is great interest in Alaska everywhere. He had the opportunity of telling about the work in both of his former pastorates.

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Geraldine Beam, Sheldon Jackson music teacher, spent the summer studying in the graduate school of education at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

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Olive Fisher went to Topeka and Salina, Kansas during the month of April. On the Sunday she was in Salina she spoke seven times in the interest of Haines House. She received $161 from the Topeka First Presbyterian Church and Baird Missionary Socity for a fish net for Haines House. The net was given to Haines House, so the money was applied on a new stove for the kitchen.

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Isabel Miller, director of the Haines House, spent the month of March visiting on the West Coast.

Westminster Fellowship National Assembly

By Shirley Tonseth

Grinnell, Iowa, is a small, elm-shaded college town located about sixty miles from Des Moines. The college was established one hundred years ago. Its buildings are red brick, Gothic in the traditional college style. On this green, shady campus two-thousan Presbyterian young people met. There were representatives from India, China, Africa, France, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Alaska, and every state in the union. Imagine two-thousand voices raised in unison to the glory of God, and you will perhaps catch a little of the dynamic, youthful spirit of the Westminster Fellowship National Assembly.

Dr. William B. Pugh's address began in the form of a greeting from the General Assembly to the Westminster Fellowship Assembly. He went on to illustrate the great size of the Presbyterian Church all over the world, seeking to show that we are not merely one little local church worrying about a mortgage or slipping membership, but a part of a great and growing family of Presbyterians. He was interesting, but a little too denominational for my taste.

In a nutshell, Dr. Ganse Little said that "we do not need to know what God is doing today. We need only to know that He does know what He is doing." All of the subjects had been assigned by the young people themselves to the speakers, and I believe Dr. Little felt that his subject, "Where Is God Today?" was a little impertinent. Nevertheless, he made a very thoughtful talk on it.

Dr. James Robinson's talk strongly contrasted the rather narrow talk of Dr. Pugh's. He spoke interdenominationally of Catholic and Protestant differences and likenesses, of race troubles, labor problems, etc. His illustrations were clever, and he held the attention of 2000 people for over an hour. We could have listened twice as long. Incidentally, he is a Negro with one of the largest New York City churches. "Man did not make the world, but man must unmake a lot of the world." One step at a time is enough to look to in personal reform.

Dr. Louis Evans said: Our spirits must catch up with our brains. Re-vival and sur-vival. We must knock the guns out of their hands and the goals out of their hearts. Christ alone tells us why we're living and where we're going. "I'll go where you want me to go, Dear Lord; I'll sing a solo anytime, but don't ask me to sing in the choir." Dr. Evans came nearest to Dr. Robinson for an inspiring speaker. He was a large, athletic looking man, with the air of a forceful and successful businessman about him.

Kenneth Reeves was a familiar friend to all of us, and I know that we all anticipated a talk just as fine as we received. He said: We must risk the reputations that we have now before Christ. Do not be discouraged about your local youth group. You are members of the Universal church. "Whenever young people of any number work with God, there are possibilities! If you love Him, serve Him. Open the doors of your own church to all races, classes, etc. First, have the New Life yourself, then give it to others!"

Mrs. Paul Moser keynoted her talk on the general theme of One World. This generation's homemakers have an opportunity to undo some of the errors—ridiculous and atrocious—of her generation. We must find what is needed and expected from our happy-go-lucky, prosperous land. We should pray with, and attend church with our children. Abolish race prejudice. One World is our job. We can work through the Restoration Fund and the New Life Movement. Each one of us counts for one, and we must not leave a zero. She suggested one week of sacrificing movies, candy, etc, and giving value saved to the Restoration Fund. Illustrates God's power by saying, "Did you ever try to stop the day from coming?"

Dr. Stanton Lautenschlager said: Not knowing, but doing, accomplishes things. A lake can't water hills unless it overflows, and we must pray for a rain of Christians to evangelize the world.

Dr. Sam Moffett's address preceded the Communion Service. He said: There is uneven blessing and sparing by God—Why? God never lets the world suffer beyond its strength to bear. The Good Samaritan had riches so that he might aid those who didn't. Martha was so busy being a Good Samaritan that she overlooked Jesus. See that you don't! I might add here a quotation I picked up some time ago. "The most perfect darkness in the world can be spoiled by the light of a single small candle, whereas the light of a candle cannot be spoiled by all the darkness in the world."

Darby Gym was crowded with 2000 delegates for the communion service. Dr. J. John Gardner led a communion meditation. Assisted by the Rev. B. J. Bingle and three other ministers at the Communion tables, and by perhaps one-hundred ushers, the entire serving was done quietly and efficiently in less than half an hour.

I personally want to recommend that the Presbyterian churches of Alaska organize into Westminster Fellowships. I had heard very little about it until I attended the Grinnell Assembly. Westminster Fellowship emphasizes not just one, but the four areas of life and service: Faith and Life, Stewardship, Christian Fellowship, and Christian Outreach. Westminster Fellowship has the Youth Secretaries of the three Boards and the General Council who serve as one team in the over-all work of youth. In addition there are Presbytery and Presbyterial advisers, synod and synodical advisers, field directors and a host of others who help the members of Westminster Fellowship realize their purpose and accomplish their objectives. It's a youth program which includes all youth work: Sunday School and Young People's alike. Material and new ideas are available to all fellowships. I was impressed with the dynamic, live spirit of all groups, and the way local fellowships are held together in Presbytery groups, and the Presbytery organizations are held together with Synod officers. It's a big program: one we should take advantage of.

DVBS Program

Altho almost every church in Alaska had a Daily Vacation Bible School, and some of them held several, these facts have been gleaned from the fifteen schools reported to "The Alaska Presbyterian."

In these fifteen schools 1008 children were enrolled, and the average daily attendance was 831. Twenty-five conversions were reported by three of the schools. One school, the one at Juneau, was a co-operative venture of the Northern Light and Memorial Presbyterian churches, Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, Salvation Army, and Lutheran churches.

Scripture Press materials were used in six of the fifteen schools, Jesus, Friend and Lord in three schools, My Voyage on the Blood Line in two schools, and a World Fellowship Cruise, Standard Course, God's Word, The Good Shepherd, Christ in John's Gospel, Happy Times in Our Church, and House of Life were units studied by at least one age group in one of the schools.

Juneau's co-operative school was the largest, with Sitka and Anchorage a close second and third.

Several outsiders assisted in schools. Frank Brady and Ted Granberg of North Arlington, New Jersey, assisted the Cleelands in schools at Klawock and Hole-in-the-Wall, and also assisted Mrs. Swanson at Craig, as did also Lou Ann Johnson of Sheldon Jackson School. James Robinson conducted the schools at Haines and Sitka. At Haines, he was assisted by Warren Taylor, Jr., of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and Virginia McMillin of Berkeley, California. Donna Krekow and Florence Ryan of North Dakota assisted at Skagway and the school held at the Haines Packing Co.

USEFUL VACATION

James P. Robinson, older boys' supervisor at Sheldon Jackson Junior College, spent one month in Haines supplying for Kenneth Fox and holding Daily Vacation Bible School, and the remainder of the summer in Sitka working on the campus and supplying the Sitka pulpit for Elwood Hunter.

Westminster Fellowship

Ketchikan's Christian Endeavor Society is in the process of cataloguing the Church library.

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Anchorage Church has held three camps this summer. One camp was for Senior High with an enrollment of 58, a Junior camp with 72 present, and a week-end retreat for Seniors, and a week of activity for the adult Christian Endeavor at King's Lake. 205 attended the annual Sunday School picnic. Several work parties were held at the new manse of Faith Chapel. The Palmer Church participated in the Junior camp.

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Westminster Fellowship was organized in the Petersburg Church with four charter members, all of whom attended the Westminster Fellowship Summer Conference at Sitka.

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Young people's meetings were held every Tuesday evening this summer at the Klawock Church.

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Skagway Church's Community Hall has resounded twice each week with phonograph music and the roar of roller skates. Under the direction of the Teen Age Club, grade school skaters enjoy themselves from 7 to 8:30 and Teen Agers roll from 8:30 to 10 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

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Skagway Sunday School recently received a certificate for its twenty-five dollar contribution to the work of missions in West China.

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28 Junior boys and girls of the Fairbanks Church enjoyed a week of camp at Harding Lake, July 14-19.

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A communicants' class in preparation for church membership will be organized to start about October first in the Skagway Church. Tentative plans call for the class to meet at the Sunday School hour.

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New officers of Ketchikan's Christian Endeavor society are Ruby Eaton, president; Elizabeth Kennedy, vice-president; Minnette Williams, secretary; Barbara Edenso, treasurer.

Caravan Work Is Fun to SJ Girls

June Klushkan of Angoon and Mary Baines of Metlakatla represented Sheldon Jackson Junior College at the Westminster Fellowship National Assembly at Grinnell, Iowa. Betty Yaw was with them as the representative of the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka. June and Mary, together with the other representatives from National Missions schools, took part in the Youth Caravan program work. The girls went to Dubuque University for a week of special training for Caravan work. Then followed four assignments, spending one week in each community.

June tells of what it all meant to her: "My summer experience has meant a lot to me—much more than I can express in words. It is something I shall never forget! It was really wonderful meeting all those people, both young and old, who have this one great interest. I hope more people will come to discover Him, as I have, and really be happy."

Mary is equally enthusiastic in telling what it has all meant to her: "When I was first told that June and I were to go as delegates to the National Assembly and to participate in Caravan work, I wasn't able to picture the 2000 delegates at a meeting and I had no idea what caravaning was. Both the National Assembly and the Caravan work meant a great deal to me. First, it was really wonderful to meet some of the 2000 who were going into full time Christian service. The most inspiring and impressive occasion at Grinnell was on Fellowship Day when all those who are planning for Chirstian service joined hands in one great circle. The closing communion service was the other high point for me.

"Those of us who came from National Missions schools were very fortunate to be able to work at the Gift Shop where we had a better opportunity of meeting others. We were well publicized and interviewed several times and tried to give people a better idea of Alaska.

"As for caravaning, it was the

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Short Orders

Anchorage Church is planning study groups of different phases of work in the church as well as doctrinal studies for the winter.

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By showing a G. I. that being Christian is living, he was saved from suicide. The young man had an unfortunate background which included leaving home at the age of fifteen, marrying a "pick-up," and contemplated suicide at the time that he came to the Anchorage Presbyterian Church for help. But God's grace is sufficient to save to the uttermost and this young man is now affiliated with the Anchorage Church in Christian fellowship.

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The United Protestant Church of Palmer, the Community Church of Wasilla, and the leaders and children from the El Nathan Children's Home had Sunday School and Church and dinner at King's Lake Camp on July 27.

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Good reports have been received of the work of the Anderson Ambassadors at Palmer, Anchorage and Ketchikan where they held evangelistic meetings. Many responded to the invitation and many Church leaders were revived and were asking God to make them soul-winners.

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Building Fund and Sunday School attendance campaigns are being planned for the fall months by the Petersburg Church.

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Slides of National Missions work with States Indians and work of the Board of Foreign Missions were shown to the people of Hydaburg during the summer.

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The Rev. Alwin E. Gall and son Bernard laid a new 10 ft. pipe line from the main line to the Hydaburg manse, installed an electric motor and pressure pump and tank, so that it is not longer necessary to pump the water to the house by hand.

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Union service with the Methodist Church is planned for Thanksgiving Day by the Northern Light Church of Juneau. The Rev. Willis R. Booth will preach the sermon and the services will be held in the Methodist Church.

Geraldine Beam, Sheldon Jackson music teacher, is anticipating a production of Handel's "The Messiah" to be given in December.

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One of the continuing results of the DVBS in Skagway is a Wednesday Evening Bible Class. Thus far several books of the New Testament have been outlined and discussed.

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Fifty years of Christian service in Skagway was commemorated by the Church float in the Fourth of July parade. Those who worked on the float were Erik Selmer, Ralph Dell, Paul Wilson, George Everest, Donna Krekow, Florence Ryan, and the Rev. and Mrs. John Dodge. The truck was provided by the Hookers.

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In October, Fairbanks Church plans to have one night a week devoted to a discussion class on the New Life Movement led by the pastor, the Rev. N. Harry Champlin.

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Fairbanks Church has a new Bell & Howell 16 mm. sound projector. During the summer, "The Heart of India," "They Too Receive," and "For All Peoples" were shown. Plans have been laid to use this machine in the Christian Education program of the church for all groups.

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Working with the boys at Haines House is tremendously interesting to Olive Fisher, boys' supervisor. Each one has his own individual characteristics, like Sam saying, "You know" with a grin; Walter saying, "How come" to everything; Jack being super enthusiastic about everything; John being helpful; "Big" Billy doing little helpful things; Delbert with a fine sense of humor. Each night the smaller boys say little "Thank you" prayers at evening prayer time. Little three year old Peter always echoes what the boy before him prayed, but he says it sincerely.

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Hydaburg Church will have a Church planning conference after the canning season closes with the intention of making all the Church groups in part responsible for the Church's program, such as the New Life Movement, Stewardship, Evangelism, and the Restoration Fund.

Four generations have been baptized in the Presbyterian Church in the family of Elder Peter Nathan of Hydaburg. First his father became a Christian and was baptized at Howkan Church, then he himself accepted Christ and was baptized. His children were baptized at Hydaburg and Craig and recently a grandchild arrived in California and, faithful to the established tradition and in answer to a Christian conviction, was offered in baptism.

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Laurence John Dodge was born August 27 at Skagway. He weighed six pounds, thirteen ounces at birth. His parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John Dodge, recovered nicely from the experience.

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Books have been ordered for a book table to be set up in the back of the Skagway Church. Some books and literature will be free, while Bibles and other books will be sold.

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A churchful of people gathered Sunday afternoon, August 10 at the Skagway Church to pay their last respects to a valiant pioneer, Mrs. Harriet S. Pullen, who passed away the previous day.

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Morning messages at the Skagway Church have been on the Apostles' Creed during the month of August and will continue through September. The evening messages have been concerned with lessons from the lives of great Bible persons.

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The Rev. W. F. Kuykendall of Walla Walla, Washington, is supplying the Northern Light Church in Juneau, while the Booths are out on vacation. Mr. Kuykendall was a chaplain in the Navy and stationed for some time at Sitka during the war.

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Haines Church will have a School of Missions in November for and by the whole Church on the current topic: World Evangelism.

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The Board of Trustees of the Sitka Church with the help of some of the laymen put a temporary tar-paper roof on the church with the hopes that it might last until a new Church can be constructed in a few years.

SJJC Has Almost a Full Staff This Year

Sheldon Jackson Junior College will almost have a full staff this year for the first time in many years. Six new staff members were on hand at the opening of school on September 17.

Mary Seward Shields is the new supervisor of Fraser Hall, the younger boys' dormitory. Miss Shields comes to Sitka from the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. Second to her desire to work with boys is her interest in newspaper writing and photography. Miss Shields has some first hand knowledge of Alaska as well as much interest in its history. Her great uncle, William H. Seward, secretary in President Lincoln's cabinet, negotiated the purchase of Alaska.

John G. Stoner comes from Detroit, Michigan, to be general worker. In line with the master plan for the development of the school property, his coming will make possible the systematic improvement of the natural beauties of the campus. Grass and gardens will again look their best. Mr. Stoner also has an interest in dramatics.

Mildred R. Norris, office assistant, is from the Westport Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Mo.

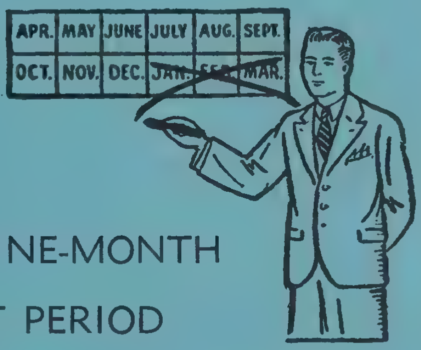
Phila Mae Helt, the new English teacher, comes from the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, California. She has taught in the high schools of Berkeley since 1919. Miss Helt brings a wealth of background and professional experience. Under her direction the high school department will again have a complete four year course in English. The work of the junior college will also be strengthened in this field.

Eleanor C. Miller comes from the Presbyterian Church of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, after having had two years experience as teacher and supervisor of art in the A. I. Dupont School in Wilmington, Delaware. This summer Miss Miller received her masters degree in art from Columbia University in New York City. She will have charge of the Arts and Crafts Department.

Carol B. Null, nurse, joins the Sheldon Jackson staff from the Jefferson City Presbyterian Church in St. Charles, Missouri. Miss Null has had previous experience as a missionary nurse in National Missions work at the Embudo Presbyterian hospital, Embudo, New Mexico.

The school still lacks a kitchen assistant, laundry supervisor, physical education instructor and athletic coach, home economics instructor, nurse's assistant, relief supervisor and instructors in commercial, beauty culture, printing and shoemaking.

THREE MONTHS LESS!



1947

HAS A NINE-MONTH

BUDGET PERIOD

After December 31, 1947, the Presbyterian Church begins functioning on a calendar year in accordance with the resolution adopted by the 158th General Assembly.

For Presbyterian Churches, therefore, 1947 is a nine-month budget period, beginning April 1st and ending December 31st.

At present the situation is serious for funds are not coming in proportionate to the time elapsed. It is essential that every pastor and treasurer see to it that his church is aware of the change and does not lag behind. Please be sure the members understand the urgency of making contributions regularly and promptly.

All benevolence contributions should be set in each month. Funds not received in time for credit to 1947 Benevolence Budget will cause deficits in the treasuries of the Boards and agencies. Good stewardship means diligence and promptness.

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MORE SHORTS

Mrs. Elvira Maurstad, former director of Haines House, became the bride of the Rev. P. A. Strommen at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Seattle, August 14. The Rev. Mr. Strommen has recently accepted a call to become pastor of the Lutheran Church at Mora, Minnesota.

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Street meetings are held every Saturday evening in Ketchikan. After one of these meetings, a young sailor off a Navy destroyer approached Ed Freeman, Ketchikan pastor, and it was his privilege to lead the sailor to a saving knowledge of Christ.

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Ralph Weeks who has been appointed by the Home Missions Council to organize the Christian education work on Japonski Island has held his first meeting with the ministers of the community and definite plans for the fall are under way. All Presbyterian young people at Mt. Edgecumbe school will receive training by the pastor of the Sitka Church and by the teachers of Sheldon Jackson Junior College that may be chosen for that work.

What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article III. Of The Eternal Purpose

"We believe that the eternal, wise, holy and loving purpose of God embraces all events, so that while the freedom of man in not taken away nor is God the author of sin, yet in His providence He makes all things work together in the fulfillment of His sovereign design and the manifestation of His glory; wherefore, humbly acknowledging the mystery of this truth, we trust in His protecting care and set our hearts to do His will."

Suggested Scripture: Isaiah 45:1-7; Ephesians 1:3-14; Romans 11:33-36; Hebrews 6:13-20; Psalm 5:4-6; James 1:12-18; I John 1:5-10; John 19:11; Acts 2:22-24; 4:27-28; 27:23, 24, 34; Nehemiah 9:6-8; Psalm 145; Daniel 4:34-37; Matthew 10:29-31; Proverbs 15:3; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 94:8-11; 33:10-11; Ephesians 3:1-12; Romans 9:14-18; Genesis 45:7-8.

This is a gloriously large subject. I propose to confine myself to one aspect.

It is so wonderful to realize that God—with whom is neither beginning nor ending, who is love and beauty and holiness and justice and goodness and truth—had, in eternity, a purpose for His world, and for all who live in it, in all time. That purpose was indicated when, at the end of the sixth period of creation, He looked on everything He had made, and saw how good it was. I feel sure that He was looking at His accomplishments with the eye of one who delighted in beauty and order, not merely for Himself, but for all who would enjoy these things in ages which were and always have been an eternal present to Him.

That purpose led to the sending of His Son to save from the sin that was not of His creation all who would believe in Him.

Let us remember always—I repeat the truth—that God looks on His world and the people in it with timeless, limitless knowledge. He has always had a purpose for His world and for His people. Part of His purpose was to give to us all entire freedom of choice. He enables us to set our will against His will. His timeless knowledge enables Him to see us in the midst of our daily choices. We are absolutely free. But our freedom is connected with His timeless knowledge of what we choose throughout life. His plan for the world and for His people includes the knowledge. Seeing all our choices spread out before Him in an eternal present, He has His unchanging plan for the world and for all who live in the world. His unchanging purpose for good should be a comfort to us always. We can rejoice that we are in the hands of One who rules, who overrules, whosoever loses sight of His purpose for us and His world, no matter how much we may forget Him, and set up our wills against His.

Have I said the same thing over and over again? There is nothing more to say; we can only love and adore.—John T. Faris.

WESTMINSTER FELLOWSHIP

One hundred seventy people enjoyed a beautiful day at Lake Bennett on August 12 on the Skagway Sunday School picnic. Haines House children were guests.

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Westminster Fellowship was organized at Craig by Frank Brady and Ted Granberg, and weekly meetings were held during July and the first part of August. Children's meetings were also held weekly and a daily play period was held every afternoon from 2 to 5 for all the children in Craig.

CARAVAN WORK IS

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most wonderful experience. Everything we did was newer to me than anyone else as I was the youngest. We taught Bible school at each place, had services, introduced Westminster Fellowship, and gave mission talks. We also did manual work, painting, repairing, etc. My team, I think, was the most fortunate. We had one week of caravaning in Illinois and three weeks in South Dakota."

Love never faileth.

PRESBYTERY TO

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The purchase of the land, of course, is only the initial cost. Logs, rock and gravel are available on the land for building. But money would be needed for material not locally available.

It is the conviction of the Christian Education Committee that this opportunity presents a real challenge to Alaska Presbytery. The conference ground idea has been tested and found good by many years of experience in young people's work. This particular location is a logical meeting place for all Alaska Presbyterians. Presbyterians from Yukon Presbytery could come to Haines by car, and Presbyterians from Alaska Presbytery by boat. It would be the logical meeting place for the future Synod of Alaska.

ALASKA & YUKON

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in attendance.

All adult leaders in every congregation should attend the conference, and any adult interested in a challenging Christian experience and the advancement of the cause of Jesus Christ in Alaska is welcome to attend this school. Registration should be sent to Mr. Leslie Yaw, Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sitka, Alaska, just as soon as possible.

For the meeting of the Alaska Presbytery, it is important to note that only the elders who attended the Spring meeting of Presbytery may be delegates to this adjourned meeting of Presbytery and should plan to be present both at Presbytery and the Adult conference.

KOSCHMANN ORDAINED

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that the ministry gave a greater field for the expression of his faith and life.

Writing in "Spires," the Anchorage Church paper, Mr. Koschmann says, "Returning to Anchorage has really been an interesting adventure. We left a town just about ready to enter its adolescence, and we return to find it, like a half grown man, at the place where it doesn't know what to do with all its growth, nor how to meet the new feelings and temptations that the process of maturing arouses."

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Bingle Tells of R. R. & Highway

By Bert J. Bingle

The need for pastoral work along the Alaska Highway is now much greater than I as missionary can adequately do. Everywhere one goes now he finds settler after settler starting a new homesite. Where they are getting the building materials for such as they are building is a marvel. But when I see what they start with to live on, how they manage to add to and keep going, my hat goes off to them. The new families, with but few exceptions, are young people, some with and some without children. In most cases they are ex-G.I.'s.

The other night Stanley Buck, an elder in the Calvary Presbyterian Church of McGrath, Minnesota, who is foreman of the Johnson River camp, and his good wife who is cook, took me twenty miles in their new car to Dot Lake. Here they have in the past given religious instruction and held services for two native families, formerly from Tanacross. To our surprise we found two new white families had started homesteading at this spot. Upon invitation, they also came to the service. As we sat about the room of this native home our hearts were blessed as we sang hymn after hymn from

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NEW FIELD

For sometime there has been talk about a Church for the Alaska Railroad housing project on Government Hill. A few weeks ago the Rev. Rolland Armstrong and the Rev. Fred Koschmann called on the railroad officials, and as a result, have been given a lease on three choice lots, and the railroad is just finishing the erection of a Strand hut to serve as a temporary Church.

Thanksgiving Shown By Alaska Churches

A Thanksgiving Eve service was held in the Skagway Church, November 26. Sunday School classes and choir had a part in the service. Pictures were shown contrasting our comfort with the needs of the world. The Rev. John K. Dodge gave a brief meditation. The Thanksgiving offering went towards the benevolence quota of the church.

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Wrangell Church held a sunrise Thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving Day with special music by the choir.

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Memorial Presbyterian Church of Juneau held a joint Thanksgiving Day morning service with the Salvation Army.

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A community service was held on Thanksgiving Day morning in the Haines Church.

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A union Thanksgiving service was held in the Episcopal Church in Cordova on Thanksgiving morning. The Rev. Carl DeMott, Presbyterian minister, brought the message and the Rev. Erickson, Lutheran pastor, had charge of the music.

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Six Ketchikan churches cooperated in a United Thanksgiving Day service for Harvest, Land, and Liberty on Thanksgiving Day morning. Seven ministers participated in the service, with the Rev. E. D. Freeman, Presbyterian minister, bringing the message. Participating churches were the Assembly of God, Methodist, Presbyterian, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal, Salvation Army, and Seventh Day Adventist. The service was held in the Methodist Church.

Two Boy Scout troops are being organized and sponsored by the Hydaburg Church.

Haines Site of Summer Program

Alaska Presbytery meeting at Sitka in October laid plans for the establishment of a summer conference grounds at Haines. Fifty acres of land at the mouth of the Chilkoot River was given by the Rev. Mr. E. E. Bromley of Eklutna. Two barracks buildings at Skagway were given to the Presbytery. A party was organized to dismantle the buildings and get them ready for transporting them to Haines by barge.

Those who assisted in the work were Frank Hayward of Metlakatla, Tom Helm, Maurice Houston, Karl Tagg, Donald Orr, and Roy Fox from Haines, George Everest of Skagway, Cyrus Peck of Klukwan, the Rev. Paul Prouty, the Rev. John K. Dodge, and the Rev. Kenneth Fox. Miss Edith Auldridge was loaned from the Haines House staff as cook on the Princeton-Hall. Miss Auldridge and Mrs. Dodge teamed up to see that the men were well fed.

The conference grounds will not be ready this year for the Senior-Young People's Westminster Fellowship summer conference. The conference will be held at Sheldon Jackson Junior College again this year. However, it is planned to have a pastors' work and study conference to work on the grounds next summer. It may be possible to have a small Junior High camp late in the summer.

FAIRBANKS CANVASS

Fairbanks Church held its Every Member Canvass on November 9. On that day, against a budget of $10,100 for church support, $5,946.20 was pledged; and against a budget of $1,000 for benevolences, $1,602.40 was pledged. At the time news was sent, 50 people had not yet been contacted.

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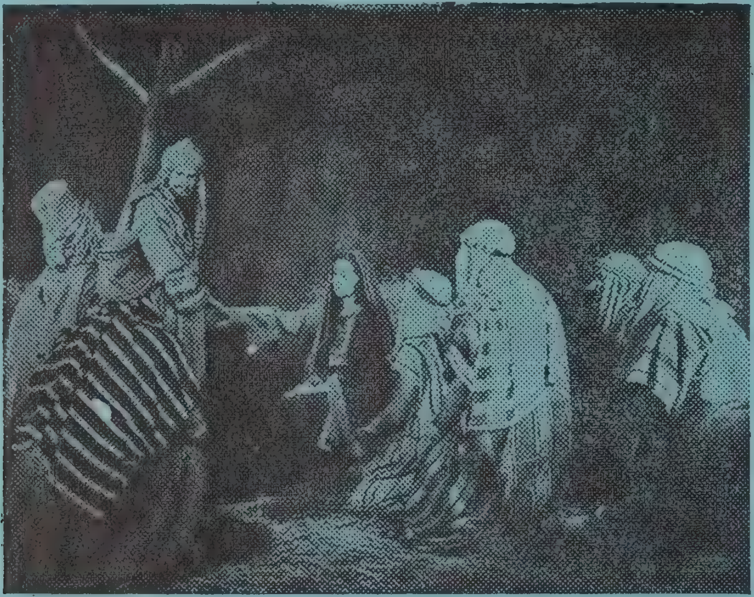

The Meaning of Christmas

Holiday and Holy Day, Christmas is more than a yule log, holly or tree. It is more than natural good cheer and the giving of gifts. Christmas is even more than the feast of the home and of children, the feast of love and friendship. It is more than all of these together. Christmas is Christ, the Christ of justice and charity, of freedom and peace.

The joy of Christmas is a job that world unrest cannot kill, for it is the joy of the soul and the soul cannot die. Poverty cannot prevent the joy of Christmas, for it is a joy no earthly wealth can give. Time cannot wither Christmas, for it belongs to eternity. The world cannot shatter it, for it is union with Him who has overcome the world.

The leaders and peoples of nations must understand these fundamental truths if we are ever to have freedom and peace. Unless charters and pacts have a divine sanction, unless "God is the Paramount Ruler of the World," then again and again, as the waves upon the shore, must catastrophe follow catastrophe. Not until men lay aside greed, hatred, pride and the tyranny of evil passions, to travel the road that began at Bethlehem, will the Star of Christmas peace illuminate the world. Christmas is the Birthday of Freedom, for it is only surrendering your life to Jesus Christ that makes you free.

Start The New Year Right

Habit is one of the most important things in life. A good Habit is the best possible help in developing character. The best Habit we can form is the habit of regular, weekly worship in God's house.

On New Year's Day you can make no better resolution than to resolve to be regular in your Church attendance throughout the coming year. The way to begin is to begin! Determine now that you will be in Church on the first Sunday of 1948. It is the very best way to start the New Year right.

Our Gifts

They brought Him their best gifts, the wise men of old,
Gifts worthy of a King, franincense, gold;
But what can we offer Thee, our Lord and King
To show that we love Thee, what can we bring?
We bring Thee our gold, as did they long ago,
That over the world the message may go,
The glad Christmas story, a Saviour is born,
God's plan for this world, by sin sadly torn.
We bring Thee our frankincense, prayers for the lands
Lying in darkness and bound by sin's bands,
Our prayers for those lands where might seems to hold sway,
Thine own in our midst, for these we would pray.
Can we bring Thee our Myrrh, our suffering for Thee?
We've suffered little, but o'er land and sea
Thy children in anguish, like crushed flowers, bear
A fragrant perfume, do offer Thee myrrh.
We would bring Thee our gifts, myrrh, frankincense, gold;
Use them and us that to all may be told
The glad tidings of love, and hasten the day
When Jesus shall come and justice hold sway.-May F. Taylor.

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Mrs. Marie Dudley, deacon in the Ketchikan Church, gave a dinner in her home, and turned $130 profit over to the Deacon's milk fund. The Diaconate of the Ketchikan Church is working in close co-operation with the Welfare Department supplying needed clothing and food to needy families that the welfare department is unable to care for because of its cut in appropriations by the Territorial legislature. Members of the church brought canned goods to Church, and the deacons supplied canned milk, meat, cranberries, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and fresh carrots for Thanksgiving dinners for thirteen needy families.

Look out for the one who has a periodical red-hot and then stone-cold religion.

Haines House Enjoys Visitors

Letters, spending money, and gifts from parents and relatives are always welcomed by Haines House children, but the visit of a parent is a four-star event, in which every child feels a share even though it is not his own parent. Two fathers have visited Haines House this fall. Frank Hayward came to see his five children and not only brought pride and joy to their faces and new clothes for them to wear, but also made himself useful decorating for Hallowe'en and working on the new Alaska summer conference buildings. Miguel Zamora amazed the children of Haines and some grown-ups, too, with magic tricks when he came to see Rosita.

Holes in one's teeth were a great asset this September when the Princeton-Hall came to take those needing dental care to Juneau. To be gone from Wednesday morning until after midnight on Friday, with the chance to sleep and eat on the boat and to see all the wonders of Juneau was great experience for the twenty who needed to go to the dentist, and to little Peter who went to see the doctor. Olive Fisher was in charge of the group.

Donald Orr of Metlakatla who has been at Haines House since 1941, left November 15 for Mt. Edgecumbe School at Sitka to enter the seventh grade. Rosita Zamora left the same day to join her father in Juneau where she will enter the public school.

New arrivals this fall include: Patricia Simonson from Juneau, Hershel Jones of Kasaan, Nolen Solomon of Fairbanks, and Darlene and Patricia Ann Robinson of Naknek. At present there are 36 children at Haines House. All but six are attending the Territorial School. Five of the preschoolers attend a morning session of kindergarten taught by Helen Hartman.

New staff members at Haines House are Cora M. Atkinson, boys' supervisor; Mrs. Olive N. Duffy, girls' supervisor; Edith Auldridge, kitchen assistant.

Juneau Memorial teen age boys are serving as ushers during the Sunday morning services.

Websters Enjoying Boston Harbor Home

The Reverend Mr. Jackson L. Webster, formerly minister at Sitka and Wrangell, writes, "I was more run down when I left Wrangell last Easter than I had realized at the time, and it has taken me about six months of change, rest, and physical outdoor work to get back into fairly decent shape. However, I lack the nervous stamina to undertake another pastorate. We have built a cottage at Boston Harbor which is a suburb of Olympia. Mrs. Webster and Mary Ellen are very good company, together with three dogs and the forest. The clearing in which we built is about one-fourth of a mile from Budd Inlet, southeastern arm of Puget Sound. My saw and axe cut all our fuel.

"Dan, our oldest son is now teaching biology at Jamestown College. Richard is selling glass in Sacramento, California, and is to be married to Helen Van Norman of Yakima, Washington, December 28. David is still reporting for the Empire in Juneau. Mary Ellen likes Olympia high school.

"We find we haven't entirely escaped from Alaska. When Dan got to Jamestown College, he found Isabelle Sing, alumna of S.J.S., there as a student. Among the members of my Bible class in Olympia is Mrs. A. W. Parsons (nee Catherine Holt), who tells us that she was born in "The Castle" at Sitka (Russian governor's home which burned about thirty years ago). Mrs. John Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. George Sumption and daughter Marjorie, all from Wrangell, have been welcome visitors this summer."

Churches Make Christmas Plans

Ketchikan plans for Christmas include the annual Christmas Eve program by the Sunday School and a worship service on Christmas morning. The Sunday School program will include a pageant of Christmas in each of our foreign mission fields. Santa Claus will distribute candy and gifts at the close of the program.

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A midnight Christmas service is planned for the Wrangell Church with the choir singing parts of a cantata.

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Christmas Eve in the Cordova Church will include a cantata by the choir, followed by a program by the Church school. From the close of the children's program there will be an "open house" for all who wish to stay at the Church. At 11:15 p.m. a midnight service will be held for those who have to work late and will therefore miss the regular program.

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Faith Presbyterian Church in Anchorage will have a Christmas program consisting of a short pageant, and an old-fashioned collection of pieces, songs, etc. Santa Claus will be waiting in the basement with candy and gifts when the program is over.

SKAGWAY BANQUET

Twenty-five members of the Skagway congregation met at the Skagway Grill for a banquet in honor of Mrs. C. B. Fernald, member of the Board of National Missions. Mrs. Fernald gave a thought provoking talk on the work of the whole Church.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of men, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.—John 1:10-14.

Westminster Fellowship

Girls of North Pacific Hall at Sheldon Jackson Junior College are dropping their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters into a peanut can for a cookie fund for the Orthopedic hospital on Japonski Island.

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Sheldon Jackson Junior College's Westminster Fellowship Council has been reorganized for this school year with the following students as members: Pollyanna Lott, June Klushkan, Jack Booth, Mary Baines, Bert Hansen, Theo Allen, Richard Benson, Willard Jones, and Bernard Gall.

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Haines Westminster Fellowship has plans under way to begin the operation of the Youth Budget program by January 1.

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Two dozen Sunday School chairs are being made at the new furniture factory of the Veterans' Co-op for the Primary Department of the Haines Sunday School. They are an original and sturdy design guaranteed not to break under hard usage.

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It took two nights after school for twelve Haines House boys, the preacher's son and the preacher to lay new insulation over the ceiling of the Haines sanctuary. Volunteers came willingly the first night. But it turned out to be a very scratchy experience. The tiny fibers from the insulation stuck into the flesh like so many sword points. But in spite of that, the boys stuck with it until the job was finished. It is expected that the heating problem of the Haines church will be much easier this winter.

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The Ketchikan Christian Endeavor society sponsored the showing of the sound motion picture "Golgotha" on Wednesday, December 10.

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Three people have been added to the teaching staff in the Cordova Church school.

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Hydaburg Church carries on a regular weekly program of Bible instruction classes for the children in two separate groups and frequently use slides in addition to teaching.

Westminster Fellowship activities in the Juneau Memorial Church include a girls club; a Junior Westminster Fellowship, Senior Westminster Fellowship, and Senior choir. The choir is busy preparing a Christmas program.

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Wrangell Church young people of high school age have organized "The Schooners" with their purpose: a safe voyage, no shipwrecks, happy deck, a happy Christian fellowship, and carrying cargo of constructive service for Church and community. The group is sponsoring a monthly recreational program for all the young people at the town recreation center and is planning a Christmas Candle-light service for young people, a New Year's Eve watch-night service, and the morning service on Young People's Day.

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New officers of the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church are Tom Lindem, president; Chuck Messinger, vice-president; Jean McRae, secretary; Newell Kelly, treasurer for the fourth time.

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Skagway's Youth Choir has been growing in number and ability under the direction of Miss Wallace. The choir members are in grades five to eight,

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When Delbert Hanks, Boy Scout executive from Juneau, visited Skagway in November, the Cubs had a special meeting at which time new Cub cards were presented, the charter renewed, and awards given.

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A Communicants' class and a Junior Westminster Fellowship were recently organized in the Skagway Church.

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Senior Young People of the Ketchikan Church enjoy After-Glow every Sunday evening after Church in the manse living room. Singing is usually a large part of the program, with a few games or parlor tricks, and light refreshments.

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Classes in Bible instruction and character building are offered after school in the Fairbanks Church on Wednesday for the Primary children and on Fridays for children in grades four through six.

"Universal military training will demonstrate American's willingness and determination to protect the peace so dearly purchased." Thus argued Bob Shively in a hotly contested debate in the Fairbanks SYP meeting, Sept. 21. Shively and the Rev. Harry Champlin constituted the winning pro team which brought out the point that a strong America is the only assurance of a peaceful America. Dorothy Nichols and Henry Gettinger maintained that U. M. T. would be bad for the morale of the young men involved and the money thus spent could be more wisely used. U. M. T. would tend to impair rather than insure security for our country. The six million dollars it would cost annually could be better used for scientific research and specialized training for regular army units.

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New officers of the Junior High Club of the Fairbanks Church are Joanne Williams, president; Ronald Malstrom, vice-president; Dick Church, secretaary-treasurer.

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"The Confessional," a religious drama directed by Dorothy Nichols, was presented at the Fellowship Hour of the Fairbanks Senior Young People on October 5.

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Fairbanks Senior Young People enjoyed a "School Days" party on Sept. 9. Informal games and pantomimes preceded refreshments. The high point of the entertainment came after the eats in the form of a radio-show skit. The Casey Casket Show coming over a ghost network hilariously raised the roof. Group singing completed the program.

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Fellowship Hour for the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church following the Sunday evening service was sponsored by the Westminster Society on Sept. 14. Sandwiches and pop were served. Jimmy Bingle was the winner of a game taxing the crowd's knowledge of the Bible. Walt Gorman and Chuck Messinger were the winners of another game where a jumble of letters straightened out into Biblical characters, terms, or locations.

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GOD IS LOVE

Music

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rands gave a Hallowe'en party for the Sitka choir at their home. The evening was spent in games, ghost stories by Geraldine Beam, refreshments, and listening to recordings of Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.

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On November 23, piano pupils at the Sheldon Jackson Junior College gave a recital. Those taking part were Ruth Fawcett, Melvin Morrison, Ida Traeger, Beverly Skeek, Estelle Davis, Emma Johnson, Adelinda Womkon, Marie Nakatla, George Paul, Merna Booth, Martin Gall, Eva Degnan, Gertrude Paul, Sara Thomas, Virginia Davis, Eleanor Haldane, Annabell Phillips, Alexander Haldane, Alice Moy, Adelaide Bartness, Mary Baines. Following the recital, tea was served in honor of the performers. Gladys Whitmore and Mrs. Chester Latta poured.

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The choir of the Cordova Church will present their Christmas cantata on Christmas Eve.

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The Rev. Edward D. Freeman, Mrs. Verne J. Swanson, and Roland Wurster were appointed a committee by the Presbytery of Alaska to try to get Rosa Page Welch, Negro concert artist, to Alaska to give concerts in many of our churches. Mrs. Welch is a fine Christian woman who thrilled many who attended the Women's National meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Presbyterian and Methodist choirs in Ketchikan jointly sang the anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord" by Molitor, and various responses at the Union Thanksgiving Day service, sponsored by the Ketchikan Ministerial Association. William Whitford directed the choir, and Edith Antonsen was organist.

SPEAKS ON ALASKA

Mrs. William Schoel spoke on "Alaska" at a meeting of the Fairbanks Ladies' Aid on October 2. Miss Neva Brandt led the devotionals. Mrs. Chester Moyer and Mrs. Ray Cubbins served a dessert luncheon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SJJC Enrolls Three Special Students

Three special students are studying at Sheldon Jackson Junior College this year.

Adelinda Womkon is from St. Lawrence Island and is taking special work in order to aid the Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Elmer Parker, at Gambell. Adelinda is the first Eskimo to leave St. Lawrence Island for advanced education.

Andrew Gamble, formerly the Presbyterian layworker at Angoon, is enrolled in a special course at the Junior College. He is also studying with the Rev. Elwood B. Hunter. If Andrew does satisfactory work this year, he will be sent on for further training to the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Father Athanasius Ossorgin, assistant to Bishop Zlobin of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Alaska, is attending Miss Phila Mae Helt's junior college English class and Mrs. Ralph Week's typing class. Father Ossorgin, who studied in Paris and has only been in this country eight months, is desirous of perfecting his English. During part of the war he was confined in a German concentration camp.

SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

A School of Missions was held during November at Haines for the children of the junior and intermediate departments of the Sunday school, and for the adults in prayer meeting. Materials used were those of the current year on World Evangelism and the spread of the Bible. The school closed with a family night supper on November 25 at which there was a small display of Bible facts. The Haines Church will be glad to lend the study books to anyone requesting them. Two sets of recordings, "Adventures With the Bible" and "Adventures U. S. A.," which dramatize true incidents of missions are available to anyone wishing to pay the postage to and from Haines. Each set contains twelve records.

The Rev. Walter Soboleff, pastor of the Juneau Memorial Church, conducted a communion service in the Angoon Church on Sunday, December 7.

Women's Activities

The World Service Circle of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met Friday, November 14, in the Church parlors for a 1 o'clock luncheon. The executive committee acted as hostesses. Claire Folta sang, accompanied by Mrs. D. L. MacKinnon, and Alyson Swanson showed the movie, "Not By Bread Alone," as a program feature. Thank You bags were returned at this meeting. Mrs. Burras Smith led the devotionals.

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The Martha Society of the Juneau Northern Light Church held their annual bazaar in the Church parlors on November 23. This bazaar featured handiwork, gifts, candies, pastries, fish pond, and desserts.

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The Ladies Aid of the Cordova Church is buying a carpet for the aisles of the Church.

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The Women's Missionary Society of the Ketchikan Church held their annual Praise Meeting on October 12 with Mrs. Charles B. Fernald of Upper Montclair, New Jersey as the speaker. The offering went toward the society's benevolence quota, which they voluntarily raised from the $10, $10, $2 of the last three years to $15 each to the Boards of National and Foreign Missions, and $3 to the Board of Christian Education. The women are also purchasing candy for the Christmas boxes of the Sunday School children.

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A Mary-Martha Guild was organized in the Ketchikan Church for women who could come to an afternoon meeting better than to the Tuesday evening meetings of the Women's Missionary Society.

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Members of the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church have been studying, "Building a Christian Home" at their meetings.

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On October 31, the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church held its annual "Tricks-or-Treat" Hallowe'en candy sale at Nerland's Furniture store.

Short Orders

MY HEART I GIVE THEE LORD EAGERLY AND SINCERELY

A Fellowship Dinner in honor of 30 new members received into the Church during the past year was held at the Northern Light Church in Juneau on November 12. Frances Paul, accompanied by Mrs. Wilda Husted, sang several numbers. The Rev. Willis R. Booth led in community singing, devotions, and the presentation of the New Life Movement program, in which every member of the church and congregation were enlisted in the program.

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The congregation of the Skagway Church met after the morning service on November 9 to discuss the 1948 benevolence quota of $854. It was unanimously decided to accept the quota.

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Mrs. Winona Horton has returned to Sheldon Jackson Junior College to be the supervisor of Stevenson Hall, younger girls dormitory.

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Miss Ora Kuykendall, who retired from the Sheldon Jackson staff last year after many years of service, and who has been living in her cabin on Alcorn Island in Jamestown Bay, has returned to the States because of illness in her family.

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Haines Church has a fine winter's supply of wood thanks to the trucking of Carl Moyer from the Veteran's Co-op and tractor and saw of Karl Tagg. Haines House boys and girls pitched in to do their bit also.

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Beginning the first Sunday in December, a half hour of the Fairbanks Church morning worship service will be broadcast over station KFAR. The service will go on the air during the offertory and will include the anthem, sermon, and closing hymn.

"Golgotha," the famous motion-sound picture based on the "Life of Christ," was shown in the Northern Light Church in Juneau on December 7 and 8.

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On Friday, November 7, an auction in behalf of the Restoration Fund was held in the Fairbanks Church. The Mariners' Club asked merchants to donate articles which were slow moving on the counters. Many other contributions were given, including a round-trip airplane trip to Seattle. As a result of the generosity of the merchants, and excellent advertising, the auction was a tremendous success, netting a little over $1600. As a result the Fairbanks Church has now raised $6000 of their Restoration Quota of $6263-.86 with $1500 as unpaid pledges due May 1, 1948.

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Evening services and mid-week services of Prayer and Bible Study have been resumed in the Cordova Church, under the new leadership of the Rev. Carl DeMott. Attendance at these meetings have been small, but the attendance at the morning service has averaged better than 50. This does not include the Nursery which has from five to eleven children plus the lady in charge.

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During the summer months friends and members of the Juneau Memorial Church assisted in a fund for landscaping the Church property. A local architect donated his services as well as many of the members of the Church.

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Haines Church has raised a total of $309, in addition to a personal gift of $200 from Miss Emma Stauffer, for the new motor for the M. S. "Princeton-Hall."

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Slides of the churches of southeastern and interior Alaska were shown in the Hydaburg Church through the courtesy of the Rev. Willis R. Booth of Juneau.

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A "Christian Men's Fellowship" was organized in the Juneau Memorial Church on November 4, and meets weekly in the Church recreational hall. Andrew Wanamaker was elected president, and William Jack, secretary. New members have joined at every meeting.

Some time ago, one of the women of the Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, noticed two small boys playing in the neighborhood, whom she thought might be good candidates for Sunday School. They were all for it, but when she approached the father, she found that the mother was divorced, and while the father was managing to keep the rest of the family together, he was having a hard time and said that the boys didn't have any clothes for Sunday. Faith Church is taking care of that and is planning to see that they have a good Christmas.

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Juneau Memorial Church had a congregational dinner on Friday, November 21 in the Church recreation hall. A congregational meeting followed at which the largest budget in the history of the Church was adopted. Practically every member made a pledge and carried home a set of offering envelopes that each may give to the Church regularly.

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Three outdoor signs advertising the Juneau Memorial Church have been completed for display at the city float, small boat harbor, and in the main part of the city.

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December 14 was membership day in the Wrangell Church. Several were received into the membership of the Church on that day, both by letter and by confession of faith.

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Last February and March a revival of Prayer was experienced by the Gambell Church. There was no loud preaching. But the revival grew out of Bible study and prayer. It began slowly but increased with the power of the Holy Spirit convicting of sin and loose living. Souls were saved and the lives of believers deepened.

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Wrangell Church's Sunday evening Bible Study group is steadily increasing in interest as the Book of James opens up new vistas.

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Plans for a Leadership Training class in January are being made by the session of the Wrangell Church.

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GOD IS LOVE

Alaska Prayer Requests

1. **Overcoming the evils of liquor and drinking.** Pray that God will guide and His people support measures to curb this evil. We are working toward an anti-liquor lobby and lobbyist.

2. **The Restoration Fund.** Pray that its quotas might be met in full by all Churches.

3. **Self-Support.** Pray that the people of God will accept the challenge of supporting the work in their own communities so that more can be done on the other fields. (This means paying all expenses including salaries).

4. **Benevolence Budget.** Pray that every Church may meet its share of the 17 million dollar budget for 1948 and the Benevolence Budget for 1947 which must be in BEFORE December 31st.

5. **Westminster Fellowship.** Pray that God will guide and bless in the entire young people's program: camp, organization of a Presbyterian-wide Westminster Fellowship, and the new Junior High camp.

6. **M. S. Princeton-Hall.** Pray that it might be possible to use the ship satisfactorily in a planned program of evangelism in isolated, unChurched places and assistance to established Churches regularly, especially where there are layworkers.

7. **New Life Movement.** Pray that it will give new life to pastors, layworkers, Churches, Church members, and the unsaved. Pray for Dr. John Paxton, that he be given wisdom and strength for his difficult task.

8. **Sheldon Jackson Junior College and Haines House.** Pray that they may evangelize their students and so prepare them that they will take their places of leadership in their home Churches after being graduated. Pray that God will guide and provide.

9. **Ministers and Layworkers.** Pray for strength and grace.

10. **Alaska Synod.** Pray that God will guide in the matter of a proposed Alaska Synod.

11. **Native Customs.** Pray that Christian natives may be given courage to resist every native custom that is against the teachings of Christ and that layworkers avoid even the appearance of evil.

12. **Dr. J. Earl Jackman and the Board of National Missions.** Pray that God may give them wisdom and strength.

13. **Christianity in Summer.** Pray that Alaskans might realize that Christianity is for 12 months of the year and that they practice putting God first in summer as well as in the winter.

14. **Bible Schools.** Pray that God will bless and direct and that man will do his part in training the children through Sunday Church Bible Schools, week-day religious instruction, and Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

15. **Tithing, the Lord's Share, Giving.** Pray that Christians will accept the challenge and benefits of tithing (giving one tenth of all one's earnings to God). Pray that wisdom will be given in working out a Fishing Share similar to the Lord's Acre plan for farmers.

16. **Laymen's Organization.** Pray that the Juneau Memorial Men may organize the men of Presbytery and that mighty things be undertaken and accomplished for God in the Presbyterian Church.

17. **Enlistment of Young People.** Pray that Alaskan young peo-especially native young people, will accept the call of God to full time service and that a number of our young men will fully prepare themselves for the work of the Gospel ministry.

18. **Japonski Island.** Pray that God will provide workers for this opportunity and bless the work of those laboring there.

19. **Mrs. Walter Soboleff.** Special prayer is asked for the wife of the Rev. Walter Soboleff who is suffering in the orthopedic hospital on Japonski Island.

20. **White Presbyterians.** Pray that Presbyterians coming to Alaska from the States might see their responsibility to their Church in Alaska.

A QUESTION OF TERMS

A woman phoned her bank to arrange for the disposal of a thousand-dollar bond.

"Is the bond for redemption or conversion?" a clerk inquired.

There was a long pause. Then the woman asked: "Am I talking to the First National Bank or the First Presbyterian Church?"

—Coronet.

While the Heavenly Father does not promise a comfortable journey for His Children, He does guarantee a safe landing.—W. W. Ayer.

Young Adults

The Young Adults "Sup and Study Club" of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met on November 16 at the Church. Helen D. Case led the devotions. Dr. Catherine Sherwood and Mrs. F. Mix were in charge of the snack. There was a discussion of the parable of the soldier who permitted his captive to escape.

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Hydaburg Church has organized a Young Adults Club. Fifty people attended the first meeting, with married couples and single people in about an even proportion. The purpose of the Club is to interest a larger number of young adults in the Church and its work.

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Wrangell Church has organized a young adult group. The purposeful enthusiasm of the leaders and the young adults themselves furnishes a background for mapping out specific programs.

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Five young married couples is the nucleus of a new couples club in Craig. The group started with a dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Verne Swanson.

ONE WORD

Eight year old Charles had been reminding the family for several weeks that he wanted a watch for Christmas.

He repeated it so many times that his father finally asked him not to mention it again, "I'll guarantee you, that if you say one more word about it, there will certainly be no watch for Christmas."

The next morning at the family devotions, each member was asked to read a favorite verse of scripture. When it came to Charles he said solemnly, "Mark 13:37, What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." —Sunday

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FEELING, FAITH AND FACT

Three men were walking on a wall.
Feeling, Faith and Fact:
When Feeling got an awful fall
And Faith was taken back;
So close was Faith to Feeling
That Faith fell down, too,
But Fact remained and pulled Faith up
And Faith brought Feeling, too.

What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article IV. Of the Creation

"We believe that God is the creator, upholder, and governor of all things; that He is above all His works and in them all; and that He made man in His own image, meet for fellowship with Him, free and able to choose between good and evil, and forever responsible to his Maker and Lord."

Suggested Scripture: Ephesians 4:6; Genesis 1:1-2:3; 2:4-25; Isaiah 45:4-6; James 1:13-14; Psalm 8; Psalm 19; Colossians 1:9-20; Romans 8:17-21; Psalm 139:4; Ephesians 4:13; I John 3:1-3; I Peter 5:7; Matthew 11:28.

There is but one God and Father of us all, in whom we live and move and have our being. We are created by Him, privileged to live according to his will, and during that life—our ends are shaped by Him "rough hew them how we will." Good that it is so. What a mess man would make of things if he were in sole control! God not only created the heavens and the earth and all that in them is, He still holds the reins. We may kick over the traces, shy this way or that but the reins are never loosed. His purpose shall be accomplished according to His own will. That is the faith that holds our heads up when all about us bids us stoop in defeat.

Of course, God could have made us like machines or robots but He did not so choose. By being able to think for ourselves and choose between good and evil we glorify Him whenever we obey His righteous laws. In this way we were made in His image. Not that He looks like us, but that we can think and act like Him — within the bounds, of course, of our earthly limitations.

Because there is this affinity between God and man, we may know the joy of fellowship with Him, through prayer and meditation and public worship and the working of the Holy Spirit within our hearts. Otherwise, it could not have been.

Made in His image, we are responsible to Him. We need never to feel completely alone and shut off in this world. We may desert Him like the prodigal son, but He never deserts us. The sacrifice of His own Son Jesus Christ for our sins, because He loved us, is the greatest assurance of His nearness to our needs.

It is for us to glorify God and thus enjoy him forever.—N. Harry Champlin.

More Shorts

Craig Church is grading the front of the Church lot for a lawn and grading the site for their proposed social and Christian Education wing addition. Plans are to lay the foundation for the new addition this year.

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Good Christian fellowship was enjoyed by members of the Skagway Church at a pot luck dinner November 19. Slide pictures of church work during the past summer and of various scenes along the White Pass & Yukon Railroad were shown. The discussion was concerned with the required standards for mission aided churches. Those attending were divided into four groups according to the way their birthdays came in the four seasons of the year. A hostess for each group decorated the tables. Each group was asked to provide a bit of entertainment at the close of the meal.

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George Everest of Skagway has accepted a position on the Princeton-Hall.

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On Sunday evening, Sept. 14, the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church conducted the evening service. James Bingle was the leader. The music was provided by Gloria Goehle. Tom Lindem delivered the evening prayer and Walt Gorman conducted the Responsive Scripture Reading. The Worship in Song was led by Wayne Cox. Silas Negovana played a beautiful rendition of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." The Scripture reading was read by Walt Shirely. "Religion and Literature," the topic of the evening, was thoroughly discussed by Bob Shively from the viewpoint of the Elizabethan, Early American, and contemporary authors.

BINGLE TELLS OF

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memory as no hymn books were at this home. Later Mrs. Buck taught the children while I had Bible study with the adults. This new place of worship will now add another to the growing list of places for worship by the Sunday School missionary and Industrial worker.

The number of people in the Northway area along the highway has been steadily on the increase for months. The number in attendance at services has likewise increased. The same things could be said about Tok Junction and Tanacross. The Chaplain from Ladd Field has cared for services at Big Delta in recent months. It is expected that a permanent chaplain will be stationed there soon. But the growth of population some miles from Big Delta and in the vicinity of Old Delta demands work by our church that I have not been able to do.

Work along the Alaska Railroad has grown likewise. Families are now displacing single men at various section headquarters and the number of employees has considerably increased. The replacing of single men by families has brought better workmen, made for better work and a more steady population. It is just a matter of time when many of these preaching points along the railroad and the highway should be organized into Churches. These Churches will be small but laymen on these fields should have some say in the religious emphasis and endeavors.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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Moderator LaRoe Observes Alaska

Moderator and Mrs. Wilbur LaRoe, accompanied by Dr. J. Earl Jackman, made a moderatorial tour of Alaska, Februry 2-6. Moderator LaRoe is the third moderator in 159 years to visit Alaska. Sheldon Jackson, a member of the Presbytery of Alaska, made two trips through Alaska in his moderatorial year 1897-98. During that year Sheldon Jackson traveled more than 37,000 miles without taking any airplane rides! Dr. Herbert Booth Smith was the second moderator to visit Alaska, coming only to Sitka to dedicate the M. S. "Princeton-Hall" in September, 1941.

Moderator LaRoe spoke in San Francisco on Sunday evening, Feb. 1 and then caught a plane for Seattle. But the plane was grounded at Portland because of severe fog condition around Seattle. Moderator and Mrs. LaRoe boarded a bus at Portland, arriving at the airport in Seattle half an hour after the plane for Alaska had taken off. However, the plane blew a fuse and never left the ground. After taxiing around the field it came back, and while it was being repaired the LaRoes got on the plane. All of which was definitely in answer to prayer. God had a purpose in the Moderator coming to Alaska, and nothing could prevent it.

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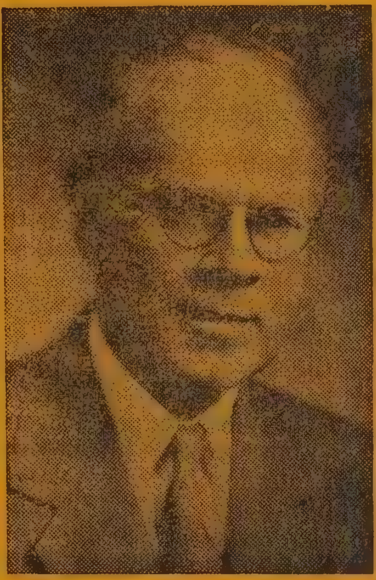
ARCTIC MINISTRY

In April, the Rev. Samuel Lee of Barrow and the Rev. Roy Ahmaogak of Wainwright plan a trip to the Eastward to contact and hold services for all the inhabitants between Barrow and Demarcation Point some 500 miles distant. In order to reach all the people they will probably travel some in the Interior along the Colville River and will also visit a reindeer herder's camp. On the last trip, Mr. Lee managed to overtake a caribou hunting party in the Interior and held services with them.

ALASKA VISITOR



WILBUR LaROE, JR.

Engine Installed on M.S. Princeton-Hall

The Princeton-Hall's new engine is installed. The work was done completely in Juneau. Brass piping in seawater cooling lines now replace the often troublesome galvanized iron piping. A new and larger size drive shaft is coupled to the propeller with much larger bearing surface. Recent storms of many hours duration have proven the installation sound.

Leadership training for Sunday school, missionary society, and Church officers were held during the first two weeks in March, one week each in Kake and Angoon. Mrs. Helen Hatch, director of Christian Education at Sheldon Jackson Junior College, with others from the school conducted the classes. Bible pictures from color slides were used in some of the sessions.

Skagway's Auxiliary has ordered Venetian blinds for the manse.

Kake Entertains Aaa. Presbytery

The village of Kake will play host to delegates to Alaska Presbytery and Presbyterial April 7-12. The new standing rules of Presbytery, adopted at Sitka in October, 1947, will go into effect at this meeting. Among the great issues to be decided will be that of dividing the presbytery into two presbyteries, as a first step toward the formation of a Synod of Alaska.

Some of the interesting parts of the Presbyterial program will include a movie, "The Path of Progress," with Mrs. Paul Moser, past president of the National Women's Organization, as the background voice; and a short stewardship play by the women.

Local women's societies are asked to vote an increase in their missionary apportionments this year before they send their delegates to Kake. Alaska Presbyterial must do its share in raising the $2 million goal set by the National Organization.

This is the year the "Princeton-Hall" is to visit every Church in the Presbytery with the Presbyterial Gospel team, so each women's group is reminded to send 50c per member to

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BIBLE INSTITUTE

Over sixty students received instruction in the first Bible Institute to be held in the Anchorage area. Classes were held in the Educational Unit of the First Church. The faculty was composed of the Rev. Victor Alfsen, the Rev. E. E. Bromley, Thelma Glenn, the Rev. Fred Koschmann, and the Rev. R. R. Armstrong. The schedule carried electives in the first hour between Teacher's Training and Personal Evangelism. Between the first and second class periods was a chapel service. The second period class had choices between Hymnology in Worship and Bible Evidences. It is hoped that this Institute may be the seedbed of a permanent Bible Institute for this area of Alaska.

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"BEWARE . . .
Lest Thou Forget the Lord"

Read in your Bible, Deuteronomy, Chapter 6, which shows God's dealing with Israel with exhortation to obedience to the Law of God. God tels them they are enjoying the blessings that were promised to their forefathers, that they had goodly cities which they didn't build . . . houses full of good things which they didn't fill . . . wells of water they didn't dig . . . vineyards and olive trees that they didn't plant. Then God says after they have eaten and enjoyed these blessings to "Beware lest thou forget the Lord."

America is very typical of the land of Israel at this time. We are now enjoying the blessings because of the faith of our forefathers who worked and moved in the fear of the Lord God on High. Because of this faithfulness God blessed America making this nation the richest and strongest nation in the world. We have gone through two World Wars and although we lost many of our finest young men, only in the Aleutians have bombs fallen on our homeland.

We are now dining and dancing, gambling and drinking our way to Hell, reviving withcraft, spiritism, demon worship, and other old pagan customs, having no fear of God in any way, so we say today as did our God in the days of old—"Beware lest thou forget the Lord."

OPEN THE GATES!

On Palm Sunday many years ago a city was signally honored. Into its gates rode the Saviour of the World. But such was the folly of the people that soon, because they wanted a worldly, not a heavenly, king, they nailed him to a cross.

A thief shamed that multitude. He declared his belief in the Man on the Cross. "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom," he said.

A thief for our examplar? Yes, a thief touched with glory! If, like him we make our hearts a new Jerusalem, a **faithful** Jerusalem, we too, may be with the Master in paradise. Open the gates!

NATIONAL DEFENSE

Do you realize that the cost of crime is approximately $120 a year for each individual, adult or child—an amount equal to the annual expenditure per capita for food? Do you realize that unless we use better methods of prevention, crime will touch one out of every four homes in our country this year?

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, says: "The teachings of the Church are a constant bulwark against the slimy temptations of crime and materially assist in crime prevention."

What are you doing to strengthen the bulwark?

Auke Bay Area Form Chapel Association

At a meeting of the community of the Auke Bay area on February 11 at the Chapel by the Lake, an organization was formed to be known as the Chapel by the Lake Association. The Rev. Willis R. Booth of Juneau presided over the meeting until temporary officers were elected. Harry Arnold was elected temporary chairman and Jim DeHart, temporary secretary. These officers will serve until another meeting is called in the near future, at wihch time permanent officers will be elected.

The purpose of the Association is to take immediate steps toward the erection of a permanent Community Church building, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, to replace the present entirely inadequate and outgrown Chapel by the Lake building, which is to be razed when the highway changes are effected. The Association will also forward plans for a resident pastor. The Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has pledged its cooperation and financial support in these steps of progress.

The new Church building will be erected on the site of the formerly used lot on the Glacier Highway, on the shore of Auke Lake, commonly known as the P.R.A. maintenance lot. This lot has been assigned to the Chapel by the Lake by the U. S. Forest Service for this purpose. The Association instructed a committee consisting of Harry Arnold, Jim DeHart and S. W. Jekill to place a bid for the Association with the U. S. Forest Service on the four buildings at present located on the PRA maintenance lot. If the Association is successful in obtaining these buildings through bid, they will be razed and the material used in constructing a new Church building harmonizing in beauty with the location. The proposed new building is being planned to have adequate space for worship services, social parlors, and for meetings of a community interest nature.

NEEDLESS WASTE,
SO SOLLY

A middle-aged woman lost her balance and fell out of a window and into a garbage can. A Chinaman passing by remarked, "Melicans velly wasteful. Woman good for ten years yet."

Times Are Getting Tougher in Alaska

Alaska, America's last frontier, has always been a land where a man could always trust everyone else. People used to go way for six months and never lock their doors, and come back to find everything unmolested. But times are changing. Now that Alaska is in the spotlight and people are flooding in from the States, Alaskans are regretfully finding out that no longer can everyone be trusted.

A few weeks ago someone walked off with a March of Dimes contribution jar from the Coop Drug Store in Fairbanks, containing an estimated $80. Last week the Fairbanks Presbyterian Church lost $20 from its organ fund to a similar set of sticky fingers. The Church was augmenting its organ fund by passing a basket filled with trinkets. The basket was given to Edgar Philleo who chose a trinket, put in some money and another trinket and went down the street to pass the basket on to Squire Bolton. However, Bolton was not home and Philleo left the basket on the porch. When Bolton returned, the basket and trinkets were there but the money . . . about $20 . . was gone. Most Fairbanks Presbyterians today have a few doubts about human nature.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman had intended to fly to Barrow from Fairbanks on his recent trip to Alaska with Moderator and Mrs. LeRoe. Schedules, however, would permit Dr. Jackman to spend only a half hour in Barrow, so it was decided to have the Rev. Samuel Lee fly down from Barrow for the conference. Sam arrived in the customary fur parka and fur mukluks. Upon arrival in Fairbanks, Sam changed to shoes and threw the mukluks on the back porch as it is not customary to keep fur boots where it is warm for odiferous reasons. Next day there was a mukluk missing. A dog which had been raiding the garbage was suspected. An ad was put in the paper and a boy returned the mukluks.

On Feb. 16, the Rev. Harry Champlin on going into his study in the Fairbanks Church, immediately noticed that the drawers of his desk had been rifled and upon closer investigation found that various envelopes with several dollars in each had been taken. A small jar con-

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Short Orders

The Christian Endeavor Society of First Church, Anchorage, has a unique program. Every Sunday a committee cooks supper for the group. Discussions start at 6:15 with this organization serving as the youth choir at the 8 o'clock service. The C.E. has a Tuesday evening recreation program planning skating, games, and singing. During March, Gospel teams will visit Wasilla, Palmer, and the Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. The sound projector will be used as a new venture in jail services. The young women of this group are acting as hostesses at the 183 General hospital at Fort Richardson.

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Mrs. E. D. Freeman is chairman of the Council of Church Women in Ketchikan, who planned World Day of Prayer services. A service was held at 12:15 p.m. in the Baptist Chapel downtown for business people. An afternoon service was held at 2 o'clock in the Salvation Army Citadel. Churches participating in the services were the Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian, Foursquare, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, St. Elizabeth's and St. John's Episcopal, Salvation Army, and Seventh - Day Adventist.

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Most of the Haines House family joined in the observance of the World Day of Prayer service held at the Presbyterian Church and sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Auxiliary. Isabel Miller, Mrs. John Marks, and Dorothy Callecod were the leaders, with the assistance of several other women from the community. A special feature of the service was a splendid rendition of the solo, "The Lord's Prayer" by Madame Vicurino.

The separate children's service at Haines had to be postponed for one week on account of a chickenpox epidemic which affected many Haines House children as well as young folks from Haines. Helen Hartman was in charge of planning and executing this service with several of the children taking parts of the service.

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"Seeds of Destiny," a movie put out by Church World Service, was shown at the Fairbanks Young People's Hour on December 14. The picture showed the needs of war torn Europe and Asia.

Bingle Busy Along Alaska Highway & R.R.

New settlers are moving into the areas along the network of roads in Alaska, according to Bert J. Bingle, missionary along the Alaska Highway and Railroad. Mr. Bingle finds that time spent in calling in the respective work camps is now being displaced by calling at isolated places. This is not so good and helpful to the established centers of small population, but it is beginning to be helpful to the isolated settlers.

South and East of the United States border down Canada way there is still no one conducting services for the Canadian camps except Mr. Bingle. As the former Bishop of the Church of England for that section of Canada died, it is necessary not only to select a new Bishop but to find a new missionary, or missionaries. Folks all along the highway in Canada have been very receptive to the labors among them of Mr. Bingle. Their young people have been present at summer youth encampments in central Alaska. With the addition of the new summer conference grounds near Haines, it is hoped that the young people from the Northern portion of the Alaska Highway that is in Canada will be readily able to attend that camp.

Mrs. Barnes, owner and operator of the Copper Center road house and trading post, recently died. She has been a friend of the missionaries of all denominations for many years. In her will she has given her large property holding to the El Nathan Children's Home at Valdez.

The points for service at present on the Alaska Highway are Northway, Tok Junction, Tanacross, and Dot Lake or Johnson River. At these places services are held regularly every two weeks. Other places have services occasionally. Stanley Buck, foreman of the Johnson River Camp and an elder from McGrath, Minn., has been a big help to the Highway Missionary. His teaching the Bible to the natives in his area have brought requests for his teaching in other areas by the natives.

Services along the Alaska Railroad are being conducted at least once each month at the Railroad junction of Healy and the coal mining camp at Suntrana. In each of these places the response is encouraging. The men in

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Women's Activities

New officers of the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church are: Mrs. Calvin Anderson, president; Mrs. Stewart Folk, vice-president; Mrs. Nick Matulis, secretary-treasurer.

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New officers of the Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church are: Mrs. Archer C. Fleming, president; Mrs. Squire Bolton, first vice-president; Mrs. Howard Hughes, second vice-president; Mrs. Harry Brandt, secretary; Mrs. William Green, treasurer; Mrs. Oscar Fravel, Spiritual Life Chairman. Officers were installed on January 8 by the pastor, Rev. N. Harry Champlin. Mrs. B. J. Bingle led the devotions, while Dorothy Nichols presented some of the needs and opportunities in China.

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Mesdames Gunnar Blomgren, Sr., and Josephine Boyd were hostesses to the World Service Circle of the Northern Light Church in Juneau on January 9. The color picture, "Radiant Rockies" was shown and a short missionary review was given. Mrs. George B. Schmidt led the devotions and Mrs. Ernest Gruening sang a solo. Each woman brought a clothing contribution for their overseas families.

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Members of the Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church had a special Christmas offering for the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Klerekoper, missionaries in Tabriz, Iran, who were formerly at Barrow.

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Mrs. Wilbur LaRoe, wife of the Moderator of the General Assembly, spoke to the World Service Circle of the Northern Light Church in Juneau on February 3. Hostesses for the meeting were Mesdames Starling, Heisel, Troutman, and Warfield. Mrs. Paul Prouty led the devotions, and Mrs. Roland Burrows sang.

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New officers of the Metlakatla Women's Missionary Society are Mrs. Boyd Haldane, president; Mrs. David Leask, vice-president; Mrs. Salvador Perez, secretary; Mrs. Ted Benson, treasurer. This society had its installation service for officers and committees, January 12.

Mrs. I. C. Bjorge was honored guest at the Wrangell Church dinner on February 16. In the absence of the pastor, Mrs. G. C. Crowell presented her with a love gift. Mrs. Bjorge is untiring in her work for the Church and a member of long standing. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Scharnbroich, sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" as arranged by Paul Peterson, and as a humorous touch an original number, the music of which was written by Claude Berg, director of instrumental music in Wrangell High School, and the words by Mrs. Crowell, which were words of thanks to the choir for the ivory paper knife, hand-carved, and the gold bracelet set with fossil ivory, that were given to Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Crowell as Christmas gifts by the choir. Though the weather was zero and the snow deep, 72 members and friends turned out for this dinner.

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A women's sewing group has been organized in the Klawock Church to get some of the sewing done for the projects of the Women's Missionary Society.

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New officers of the Mary-Martha Guild of the Ketchikan Church are: Mrs. Frank Williams, president; Mrs. Clarence Dundas, vice-president; Mrs. Milton Jackson, secretary; Mrs. E. D. Freeman, treasurer.

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The Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church is a group of young women in the Church who are interested in Children and their progress in the Church. They see that Sunday School teachers and equipment are furnished to the Primary Department. They also have charge of the Nursery during morning services.

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Kodachrome slides of Bible times were shown at the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau on February 20. Mesdames C. C. Carter and Willis R. Booth were hostesses, and Mrs. H. L. Faulkner led the devotions.

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On Feb. 14 the Ladies' Aid of the Cordova Church put on a Jitney supper which drew at least 100 hungry folk. The total receipts ran close to $200, most of which was clear profit as most of the food was donated by the members of the Aid and friends. Mrs. Charles Simpler is president of the Aid.

The Wrangell Ladies' Aid is now following the Presbyterian plan for women's work. It is divided into two circles, the Carrie Circle, named in honor of Mrs. I. C. Bjorge, and the Crowell Circle, named in honor of the pastor and his wife. The circles manage all the mechanics of the organization, such as bazaars, dinners, the raising of money, while the Aid meeting is the program meeting. Each month's meeting begins with a devotional, followed by a program of some phase of Presbyterian work. The first program was on Foreign Missions — centering on Japan. Much enthusiasm has been manifested in this change, and both circles are working with a will to succeed. The change has encouraged them to seek new members and to be more loyal in Church attendance.

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Members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Wrangell Church presented Mrs. G. C. Crowell with a pair of lovely "Indian made" silver bracelets on her birthday on Dec. 27.

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Members of the Hoonah Women's Missionary Society have all enrolled in the "New Live Movement." They have taken in ten new members and have purchased all the oil for the Church. New officers are: Mrs. Peter Austin, president; Mrs. Jennie Charles, vice-president; Mrs. Deborah Dalton, recording secretary; Mrs. Isabell Metz, corresponding secretary.

TIMES ARE GETTING

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taining about $6 the Java Club uses to pay for their rolls and cocoa was emptied. The Eskimo offering from the afternoon before of perhaps $10 was gone and two other envelopes with about $6 for the organ fund were missing as well as another envelope with $2.50 for a subscription to "Presbyterian Life."

Fairbanks Church doors have never been locked, but it looks as though now they are going to have to if they can find the keys. Similar situations exist all over the Territory where there has been an influx of migrants from the States, but Fairbanks on the Alaska Highway, where escape is possible by automobile is perhaps suffering more than any other place in Alaska.

Out of the Mixing Bowl

MUSINGS OF MINISTER'S WIFE

What's A Mommie

Mommie was wondering that herself as she and Daddy bathed the seven children. First the four "babies" in the tub sitting along in a row like four pink water lilies. The three little girls wear their hair pinned on the top of their heads, but Timmie, the four-year-old twin, scorns such bath-tub hairdress. His curls are cut short.

Daddy goes down the line on faces, ears, necks, backs, hands — and scrubs until each pink "lily" is even more blush-pink. And then Mommie begins the drying and the threading into pajamas.

The babies are popped into their beds while clean water runs for Jon and Joe who clamber in, their lankiness quite a contrast to the previous chubby tubful. In characteristic seven and six-year-old fashion, they are immediately surrounded with boats, blocks and anything that floats.

Daddy bears down on the scrubbing and Mommie smiles sympathetically as the shrieks of protest, which stop instantaneously when the washcloth is lifted. She wonders anew how boys who supposedly wash every night could get so dirty in three days between baths.

The two boys are pulled away from their boats and put to bed. Clean water is run for Jane, who bathes herself, being nearly nine.. ("Seven always comes out uneven," muses Mommie, "but after June that won't be true any more.")

Daddy goes downstairs to start the dishes and Mommie gathers up the dirty clothes. "A whopping wash tomorrow," she remarks to herself as she helps Jane to dry her back.

"Is being a mother just this endless round of doing things over and over and over and over?" . . . No, it couldn't be, because some people are paid to be nursemaids and they aren't mothers. It isn't just the work side of it that makes a mother. Not the washing and ironing, the cleaning and cooking—the countless demands throughout the day, the weary confusion around dinner-time, the calls in the night—that isn't it.

Nor is it the joyous rewards of motherhood that make a Mommie. The shared delights of birthdays when eyes are ashine at the beauty of it all; the way the four babies bend their sweet little faces over the mud-pies they are so carefully making . . . the feel of one of them snuggled down soft in one's lap; the sight of all of them sound asleep when the nightly round is made to tuck in each bed and to straighten each pillow . . . no, not just these rewards explain it all.

What, then, does make a Mommie in the truest sense of the word? There must be some answer and it is probably a combination one. Mommie thought back to the bath-night and Daddy helping with the children. "That's it — or part of it," she dedecided. "It's the sense of doing the work together, the sharing of the burden and responsibility, the mutual dependence one upon the other. Something, . . . not everything, but something is missing when being a Mommie is an all-alone job. God recognized that, for He said, 'I will be a Father to the fatherless'."

But is just having children and bringing them up to the best of physical beauty and moral perfection enough? Isn't there a higher conception of motherhood, a God-given understanding?

Mommie thought of the things that had been whispered to her heart when each time she first knew there was another baby on the way. "Another, Lord? My hands are now so full."

"I know it child . . . I filled them, and I'll supply the grace and the strength . . . Will you take another one to raise for Me? And I'll be there, child, I'll be there."

What could one do but gladly receive the trust, rejoicing that one had been so blessed? And looking forward to the future years, if the Lord tarry, one sees eight grown sons and daughters in His service, and one senses a fulfillment. The heavy burdened years seem but a dream and one begins to perceive what it means to be a Mother.—Doris Coffin Aldrich.

YOUTH BUDGET

The Youth Budget Committee of the Skagway Church met early in January and drew up a budget for the year 1948. The budget plans for a minimum of $325 and a maximum goal of $400 with $200 being spent for local expenses and the remainder for others. Claims have been staked in four mission stations which makes Skagway Sunday School eligible for the 24 hour a day certificate.

Changes Inaugurated At Haines House

Several changes have been inaugurated at Haines House to fit into the Christian Educations aims of the Board of National Missions. The children have been divided into three groups, according to age, and meet in their respective groups simultaneously three times a week. These classes will provide systematic instruction in the Bible, in Church worship, and Christian citizenship. Once a week all the children meet together under the leadership of Mrs. Forest Nowell.

Special emphasis during Lent is upon the study of the life of Christ in order that each child may learn to appreciate Christ, His teachings, His sacrificial death, His triumphant resurrecton, as the Easter season approaches. Also toward this end of deeper devotion, the entire Haines House family pauses once a day, as a family group, at meal time to have daily Scripture reading and prayer.

The "Princeton - Hall' returning from the Moderator trip to Juneau brought four new children to Haines House. They are Bernadine, Ronald, Ralph, and Nels Lawson, ages 3 to 8, whose mother has to go to the hospital for tuberculosis treatment. Their home is in Douglas.

Christmas at Haines House was a very happy, abundant time. Nearly every child was remembered by some member of his or her family, which meant more than all the other gifts received. Next to that came the many gifts from Churches and friends in Alaska and from former staff members. These included gifts from the Churches in Petersburg, Klukwan, Skagway, Metlakatla, Anchorage, and the Northern Light Church in Juneau, and also a generous check from the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

JUNEAU PRAYS

Union World Day of Prayer services were held in the Juneau Salvation Army Church at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. All Protestant Churches in Juneau cooperated. From 12 to 1 noon, an hour of sacred music was played by Mrs. Wilda F. Husted on the organ of the Twentieth Century Theater, affording an opportunity for down-town lunchers to spend 10 minutes or more in meditation and prayer.

New Life

MY HEART I GIVE THEE LORD EAGERLY AND SINCERELY

"Java Class" at the First Presbyterian Church in Anchorage on Sunday morning is not a mission study group. The group, which is composed of G.I.'s from Fort Richardson, is so-called because it is served coffee, with all the trimmings, at the Church, as part of the hospitality program offered to servicemen in this area through the Restoration Fund. Incidentally, this Church now is "First" Church by virtue of the formation of another Presbyterian Church in this fast-growing city. Faith Presbyterian Church, which arose out of neighborhood religious education activity in a new part of town during the war, was admitted to membership in Yukon Presbytery, and the Rev. Fred Koschmann installed as pastor, in December, 1947.

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Every member of the Northern Light Church in Juneau has been enlisted in the New Life Movement. Perhaps it is this enthusiastic lay participation that accounts for the fact that this Church has received thirty new members during the past year.

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During the special service for the Moderator of the General Assembly in the Fairbanks Church on February 6, Dr. J. Earl Jackman baptized Carol Ann Champlin, six-weeks-old daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. N. Harry Champlin. Carol Ann has three brothers.

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One day when Harry Champlin of Fairbanks wanted a quick decision from Dr. J. Earl Jackman, he went down to the ACS office, figured the difference in time ought to find him at his home in Leonia, New Jersey, put in the call and half an hour later, Dr. Jackman stopped his repairing of the family vacuum cleaner, picked up the receiver and answered the question for his Fairbanks inquirer. Who says Alaska is isolated?

While in Fairbanks to hear the Moderator, the Rev. Samuel Lee of Barrow had two telephone conversations with his wife in York, Nebraska and made arrangements to meet her in Anchorage on February 14. Mrs. Lee had gone outside just before Christmas taking son David and daughter Jonneth Ann for the sake of the latter's health. Being much improved it was decided to return while Mr. Lee could assist in the return to Barrow. The family returned together and arrived in Barrow on February 17.

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The Hydaburg Church burned a short time after the congregation had left the building on Sunday evening, February 8. Everyone in the village turned out to help fight the fire and were successful in saving the manse. Elders of the Craig Church have written to elders of other Churches in Alaska Presbytery to raise funds to rebuild the Hydaburg Church. Craig Church has already raised over $200 for Hydaburg. The Klawock Church, Sunday School, Missionary Society, and town are making up a purse to send to Hydaburg.

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On Christmas Day, the Barrow Church held their annual Christmas feast with muktuk as the main dish after which they had their Christmas tree program and exchange of gifts. The mission had wrapped gifts for 704 persons. Sacks of treats containing candy, popcorn, dried fruit and an orange were distributed to each family. Various members of the Church also exchanged gifts.

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With the help of the young people from the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, friends and members, a number of improvements were made in the Faith Church building. Early in the fall a painting bee was held in the Church and a first coat was given the basement walls. Later the walls were finished and the floor painted. All during the fall the problem of getting a stairs from the sanctuary to the basement was discussed, as the only way down was by a precipitous path. It was decided it was a job for professionals, so a carpenter was hired, and the stairs were in by Christmas. After Christmas a sander was rented and the pastor spent a day smoothing down the floors, and he and Mrs. Koschmann, and trustee Jack Hamblin gave it two coats of paint.

Paul Silook, elder in the Gambell Church, did a grand job of supplying for the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Parker, while they were outside for five months for health reasons.

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Four young men, graduates of the Sheldon Jackson School, were elected officers in the Hoonah Church. James Williams, Robert Carteeti and James J. Houston, all SJ graduates, were elected deacons. George Carteeti, another SJ graduate, was elected a ruling elder, and later elected clerk of the session. Robert Grant and Frank O. Williams were elected trustees. Mr. Grant is also president of the choir.

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Fred Hamilton, a Sheldon Jackson graduate, was elected a Deacon in the Craig Church at the last congregational meeting.

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All departments of the Metlakatla Church were represented in an impressive installation service, followed by Communion, on January 4. Officers installed were: Elders H. J. Murchison, P. E. Verney, Arthur Nelson; Deacons David Leask, John Milne, Gordon Williams, Romey Atkinson; Women's Society President Mrs. Boyd Haldane; Sunday School Supt. Mrs. Perry Allen; Assistant S. S. Supt. Sam Murchison; Choir President Henry S. Littlefield; Choir Director Joseph Verney; Ushers Edward Feak, Lloyd Williams, Thomas Atkinson, Ernest Leask, Paul Brendible, Romey Williams, Willis Ridley, Victor Anderson, Reggie Booth, Wilfred Gibson, Henry Johnson, and Wilfred Nelson. At the Communion service, eight elders assisted in serving the congregation at this New Year dedicatory service.

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John Milne is Church treasurer of the Metlakatla Church and Ted Benson is the Benevolence Treasurer. All organizations of the Church contribute 25 per cent of all money raised toward the Benevolence Budget.

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An average nightly attendance of 17 men, women, and young people worked every night at the Ketchikan Church, and completely repainted the sanctuary, social rooms, halls, and five rooms of the manse, sanded and varnished floors in two rooms of the manse, all in two weeks, in preparation for the visit of Moderator and Mrs. Wilbur LaRoe and Dr. J. Earl Jackman.

Considerable building is going on in Barrow. There were 28 building projects last year consisting of additions to homes or complete new homes. And more people are planning additions or new homes to be built this fall. There are two nurses now stationed at the hospital and the doctor from the Navy camp visits practically every day.

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The Rev. R. R. Armstrong of First Church, Anchorage, has been conducting a series of evening services on marriage. The topics Mr. Armstrong used were: "Do I Want to Marry?" "What a Man — What a Girl," "Shall I Marry Within My Faith?" "How to Avoid Trouble at Home."

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Beginning March 1, a teacher training class will meet each week in the Wrangell Church. The class will use the New Life textbooks. The first course will be, "Our Pupils and How They Learn" by Frances Cole McLester. Following the completion of this course, it is planned to study text books on the different age groups. All ten who have enrolled are taking the class for cerdit.

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New officers of the Fairbanks Church elected at a congregational meeting, following a pot-luck dinner, on Jan. 13 were Andrew Nerland and Squire Bolton, elders; Denny Breaid, trustee; Mrs. Frank Miller, deacon; Mrs. Squire Bolton, Supt. of the Sunday School; Mrs. Chester Moyer, choir director; Mrs. Erving Morely, organist; Rev. N. Harry Champlin, president of the Congregation. Andrew Nerland, commissioner to the General Assembly last May, brought a report on the need for adoption of a large benevolence budget.

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Olive Fisher of the Haines House staff left for a three-month furlough at her home in Kansas on February 9, and Dorothy Callecod returned the same day after five months study in Biblical Seminary in New York City.

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New officers of the Ketchikan Church, elected at a congregational meeting, January 25, are: Elders Clarence Dundas, Mrs. Grace MacDonald, Fred Wallace, and Frank M. Williams; Deacons Arabell Heard, Mrs. Milton Jackson, John Reece; Trustees Willis Hamilton, John Reece, George Peratrovich, Lawrence E. Wilson.

"The Lord blessed our 'Thanksgiving Table' in the Church with more than enough to eat," reports Roy Ahmaogak, pastor of the Wainwright Church. "Through His providence thousands of caribou migrated from the east just before Thanksgiving and our men of the village killed well over 150 caribou. We thank and praise God for blessings in material and spiritual things given to us for this month."

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The Thursday evening Bible study group of the Skagway Church is studying the Book of Revelation.

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While traveling through California, Dorothy Callecod stopped at North Fork for a day to visit with Blanche Horner, former nurse at Haines House. Miss Horner is serving as nurse and relief worker at the Rosamond B. Goddard Home, a National Missions project for Mono Indians. Miss Horner walks almost as well as she ever did, in spite of the broken hip bone she suffered in a fall two years ago.

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Friday evening prayer meetings in the Metlakatla Church are conducted by Elders Patrick E. Verney and Arthur Nelson.

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The Alaska Native Service at Barrow provides milk for the school children. Each child provides his own cup, in which he gets a cup of canned milk (half milk and half water with a teaspoon full of bone meal added for good measure). The Mission is now preparing to provide a cup of klim each day for the preschool children.

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Dorothy Nichols, DRE, Fairbanks Church, left Fairbanks Feb. 12 by plane for Anchorage where she boarded a Northwest plane for Chicago as the first lap of a month's trip outside. Most of her time will be spent at Knoxville, Tennessee with her sister and brother-inlaw, who is a Presbyterian minister in that city. This is Miss Nichols' first vacation since her arrival in Fairbanks 18 months ago.

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Colored slides of the story of the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem on through the Crucifixion and Resurrection have been ordered by the Wrangell Church and will be shown for the first time on Easter Sunday night.

The platform of the Cordova sanctuary has been moved out of a corner of the building to one side, under the big colored glass memorial window. The floor and walls in the Sanctuary were also refinished. As a result the seating arrangement and the acoustics are better. The necessary work was donated by the men of the Church.

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Wrangell's Adult Bible Class meets each Sunday evening, and is growing in numbers and in interest, and the class feels that it is doing much to further the growth of spiritual progress for its members. This class sponsored a drive, the only one in Wrangell, for food to be sent overseas on the ship that left Seattle, netting $120 in a three-day drive.

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The Rev. Samuel Lee of Barrow hopes to procure soon a sound movie projector so he can show Christian pictures to the people.

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Skagway Church reports that they met and overreached their 1947 benevolence quota of $335 in the amount of $339.50. This was a real triumph for the nine months 1947 period. The congregation accepted the suggested quota of $854 for benevolence for 1948. In connection with the raising of the budget, the film strip, "Beyond Restoration" was shown.

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Haines Church at its annual congregational meeting in January elected George Kasko and Manvil Olson as elders, John Willard and Mrs. Irvyn Howser as trustees, and Mrs. Alton Nelson as treasurer. Reports from various organizations were given. Edidth Auldridge showed a number of fine kodachrome slides of various scenes in southeastern Alaska. The meeting was preceded by a pot-luck supper.

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Special services were conducted over a 12-day period jointly by the Lutherans and Presbyterians of Cordova. Most of the services were held in the Presbyterian Church. An outside speaker was obtained who cooperated splendidly. The whole program was highlighted by a wonderful spirit of fellowship between the two groups. Attendance was not large, but encouraging.

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William Metz and Dan Brown Sr., have painted the basement of the Hoonah Church.

Westminster Fellowship Council

Sheldon Jackson Junior College's Westminster Fellowship Council. Mary Baines and June Klushkan, who participated in Youth Caravans in the States are in the center.

Caravan Teams Help To Alaska Churches

Last summer two girls from Sheldon Jackson Junior College remained in the States after the Westminster Fellowship National Assembly in Grinnell, Iowa, and participated in a caravan team. It is hoped that such teams may be inaugurated in Alaska this summer as a cooperative project among the Boards of Christian Education and National Missions and our Churches and institutions in Alaska.

A caravan team is a group of five young people, boys and girls, who accept the Westminster Fellowship purpose "to become such complete disciples of Christ that we will discover God's will for our lives and do it." They give six weeks of volunteer service during the summer. The first week is a training conference where adult leaders prepare them for the tasks of the summer. They spend a week in each of five different communities under the direction of the local pastor and in co-operation with the local people to make Christianity a vital force in the community and to accomplish a particular service for the Church.

In southeastern Alaska it is proposed to have three teams composed of five young people from the States and ten from Alaska. From June 15 to 22 they would be in the training conference at Sitka (at the time of the Young People's Conference). Each team would then spend a week in each of five villages, beginning with the fishing villages and ending July 30 with the towns less affected by the fishing season. There would be a two day round-up and they would return to their homes.

A caravan team does what is needed to be done in the Church and Community. In general the pattern would be: Saturday, get acquainted; Sunday, help in Sunday School, the Church, and young people's meetings; during the week, mornings, help with Vacation Bible School; afternoon, play period with children, while part of the team might organize the young people of the community for a work project cleaning or painting the Church; evenings, work with young people on Westminister Fellowship and youth budget. This could begin by showing how Westminster Fellowship works in the total youth program of the Church. Recreation and worship would be included. Young people who serve on the caravan teams will provide their transportation expense from home to the training conference and back again. They will pay a $4 registration fee which provides necessary materials for the summer's service. They will accept the Westminster Fellowship statement of purpose, promise their full cooperation in the program, and remain with the team for the full six-weeks period. The plan calls for ten older young people, boys and girls, from Southeastern Alaska who would be recommended by their Churches and/or Sheldon Jackson Junior College.

Each Church which receives a caravan is pledged to full cooperation and guidance to the team, provide free board and room in homes for the team members, and pay $35 toward a "pool" for travel expenses and the training conference. The Board of Christian Education would bear the responsibility for the training conference and the Board of National Missions for the transportation between villages, using the Princeton-Hall and the S.J.S. II.

NEW MANSE

In the first step toward the physical expansion of its facilities, the Trustees of the First Church, Anchorage, have authorized the purchase of a new manse for the Church. Located on Cook Inlet, the new manse will take the pastor's family out of the business district. Future plans call for temporary rental of the old manse to the YMCA. Later this building will be used for educational space or moved to make way for a new building. Morning services at the Church are averaging 350 in attendance, so that duplicate services have to be held at 9:30 and 11 o'clock to accommodate the crowds. There is also an evening service at 8 o'clock with an average attendance of over 125.

Westminster Fellowship

The Westminster Fellowship of the Northern Light Church in Juneau had charge of the Morning Worship service on February 1. Participating in the services were Charles McClellan, Evangeline McConnel, Donald MacKinnon, Janu McConnel, Anne Henning, Willard Prouty, Barbara Reid, and Kent Linn.

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Minnette Williams, president of Ketchikan's Senior Christian Endeavor Society, presided at the evening service on Sunday, January 25. Messages on the theme, "Jesus Christ Is Lord," were given by Arabell Heard, Ernie Hamilton, Mary Ecklund, and John Reece.

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"Give Me Thine Heart" was the theme of Ketchikan's Senior Christian Endeavor banquet on February 7. Ruby Eaton was program chairman; Joy Hamilton, decorations; Marie Dudley, food; Peggy Johns, clean-up.

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Over seventy young people gather each Sunday evening at the First Church, Anchorage, for warm spiritual discussions on the Bible. The Gateway Fellowship for Junior high carries on a program of discussions and visual aid programs.

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A Penny Carnival to raise funds for the new Fairbanks Church organ was sponsored by the Senior Young People on Feb. 6. The carnival includes fish ponds, dart throws, shooting galleries, freak shows, and all other attractions of a carnival.

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Two Westminster Fellowship groups have been organized at Hoonah. The young people's group meets on Wednesday evenings, and the juniors on Friday evenings.

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Boys and girls of the Craig Sunday School sponsored a program at the Church as their contribution toward the new Church addition. The program consisted of some silent movies and several musical numbers by the children. A free-will offering was taken.

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Junior and Intermediate girls of the Craig Church have organized a girls' club with Beverly Hamilton as their adviser.

New officers of the Metlakatla Christian Endeavor Society, elected on January 2, are: Romey Atkinson, president; Robert David, vice-president; Edward Verney, secretary; and Ted Benson, treasurer.

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Young people of the Metlakatla Church were in charge of the evening Church service on February 1. Wendle Cordle, the guest speaker, spoke on the "Brotherhood of Man."

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150 members and friends attended a fellowship party of the Metlakatla C. E. on February 3. Mrs. Henry Littlefield and her Social Committee featured birthday candles on the refreshment cakes. Robert David was in charge of the games. The C.E. orchestra played many selections during the evening.

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A Sunrise Easter service and breakfast is being sponsored by the young people of the Metlaaktla Church.

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The Sheldon Jackson Westminster Fellowship Council entertained Moderator and Mrs. Wilbur LaRoe and Dr. J. Earl Jackman at a luncheon on February 4.

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A Junior C.E. has been organized at Klawock with Mrs. Ross Cleeland as sponsor. The children have been making their own rules and are taking complete charge of the meetings under the guidance of their leader. Other new Junior C.E. societies have been organized at Ketchikan and Wrangell.

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The Wrangell Sunday School had its Christmas tree and program of songs, recitations and devotional on Dec. 21. The Beginners had their program in the afternoon of Dec. 23, which consisted of Christmas songs and a Christmas pageant written by Mrs. G. C. Crowell. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Ness, the teachers had a tea for the parents after the program in honor of the minister's wife. The Christmas tree and Christmas bags were decorated and furnished by the Women's Missionary Society.

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Young People's Day was observed in the Haines Church on the evening of Feb. 8. The program prepared by the Board of Christian Education was used. The young people did a fine job. "We ought to have more such services," was the comment of several adults.

Sunday, Jan. 25 was observed as Young People's Day in the Skagway Church. The Westminster Fellowship group attended the morning service as a group.

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Skagway's Junior Westminster Fellowship had their first big party on Valentine's Day. Over 20 young people enjoyed Valentine games and refreshments at the Community Hall. Phyllis Olsen and Jane Steffen as refreshments committee provided abundant sandwiches, cookies, and cake. Games were planned by the Logan boys and Phil Eagle.

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Offering of the Skagway Sunday School Christmas program amounted to $75 and was designated to be used for equipment for the new young people's camp at Haines.

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Help is needed in the developing of the new summer conference grounds acquired by Alaska Presbytry. It is hoped that young people's groups in each of the Churches will undertake a project to furnish something for the camp. Everything is needed from kitchen utensils to a water system. Dishes, cots, bedding, chairs, all can be used. A cottage will be named after any group who raises enough money to furnish it. This is a project for the spiritual development of the youth of all of Alaska. Any help will be appreciated

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Cordova Church has a gymnasium in the basement which had been used only by the Boy Scouts once a week. Due to the great need for recreation facilities for the children of the town, permission was granted to the local recreation association to work out a supervised play program in the basement for the different age groups. The privilege to play therein is clamored for by the "kids" and several times 35 or more have been on the gym floor at one time.

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Skagway's annual Blue and Gold Cub Scout banquet was held in the Community Hall on Feb. 23. The dinner was in pot luck style with Cub parents bringing main dishes and the Cubs furnishing rolls, cream and sugar. The committee in charge of the banquet included Mesdames Eagle, Reed, Lee, and Fairbanks. Miss Colton is Den Mother for the Cubs during February. The new Den chiefs, Eric Selmer and Alan Hoyt, have recently taken over their duties.

Music Notes

The junior choir of the Barrow Church sang the two-part cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night" at Christmas time. 501 people were present for the presenttaion of the cantata.

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On Christmas Eve, the adult choir of the Barrow Chuch sang the cantata, "Christmas Bells" to an appreciative congregation of 550.

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On Christmas Eve the village of Barrow was divided into four sections, and four groups of 40 carollers each, sang Christmas carols at all the homes in their section. After caroling, the carollers all returned to the Church for cocoa and cookies.

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Fairbanks Church received a new Hammond organ on December 12. Six organizations in the Church each contributed $400 to pay for the organ. The organizations were The Men of the Church, the Senior Young People, the Mariners' Club, the Westminster Society, the Sunday School, and the Ladies' Aid.

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The annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" in the Fairbanks high school auditorium was held December 14. The presentation is sponsored each year by the Christian Fellowship Council. 55 singers of all the Churches in Fairbanks sang under the direction of Mrs. Estel Drake. Dean Arbogast was the accompanist and Mrs. Allan Lee and Mrs. Chet Moyer, soprano and contralto soloists.

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The Eskimo Group of the Fairbanks Church presented a musical program of both Eskimo and English songs on January 25 to help meet their pledge toward the Restoration Fund. A free-will offering was taken.

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John Fawcett directs the 24 voice Hoonah choir which sings every Sunday evening for Church. Mrs. David Phillips is the organist.

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The Sheldon Jackson choir has received an official invitation from the Board of National Missions to appear on the National Missions program of General Assembly meeting in Seattle on the night of May 31. The choir is planning to go to Seattle on the Princeton-Hall and the SJS II.

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GEORGE McKAY, Director

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A Community Chorus has been organized for the first time in Craig and meets weekly at the Presbyterian Church to practice on a cantata being prepared for Easter. Henry Nelligan is the director and Larry Demmert, pianist.

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The Klawock choir, under the direction of George Demmert, is practicing on the cantata, "The Risen King" for Easter.

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Mrs. Helen Keene has organized two choirs in the Klawock Church, one for fifth and sixth grade girls, and a Rosebud choir for younger girls. Both choirs have been singing for Church services, one in the morning, and one in the evening.

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The Ketchikan choir, under the direction of William Salt, is working on sections 2 and 3 of Handel's "Messiah," the lenten and Easter sections, to sing on Easter Sunday at the evening service.

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Material has been purchased for surplices for the Klawock choir and the members are making their own so that they will be ready for Easter.

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Seventeen of the Senior Young People of Fairbanks Church enjoyed carolling on Chrismas Eve. They began at the hospital. Cocoa and doughnuts were served upon their return to the Church. The main event of the evening occurred when the entire group quietly tip-toed over to the Manse and peaked at Carol Ann, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harry Champlin. Carol Ann's comments after looking over the entire SYP group, "AAAAAA."

Members of the Ketchikan Community Chorus, which practices in the Presbyterian Church, are working on Theodore Dubois' "The Seven Last Words of Christ" to be sung on Palm Sunday. Soloists include the Rev. E. D. Freeman, Clarence Dundas, Margaret VanVoorhis, Mrs. Jack Sirevog, Mrs. J. E. Danielson and Margaret MacMillan.

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Paul Peterson, director of vocal music in Wrangell high scohol, has organized a junior choir in the Wrangell Church.

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Wrangell Church choir is cooperating in every way with the minister. It has grown until they now have 18 members, all loyal and faithful in attendance. They are planning to put on a play soon, also a Musical and Book Review to make money for more robes. On Christmas Eve, this choir gave a musical, beginning at 10:45 p.m. and concluding at midnight. The Church was a poem of loveliness — the three walls being hung with a huge fish net and filled with cedar boughs from ceiling to floor. The altar held candles and poinsettia plants. Each window was decorated with evergreens tied with a huge red bow. The Communion table held candles, poinsettias, and a miniature choir, made by Mrs. Crowell. Each member of the choir was presented with one member of the miniature choir following the service. The offering and white gifts were presented to the Wrangell hospital.

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The Children's choir of the Skagway Church, under the direction of Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Villevik, sings almost every Sunday, for Sunday School. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ann Briggs, is also very active. Stanley Brown is pianist for the group. The adult choir is under the direction of Mr. Pennington and Mrs. Stevenson.

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Metlakatla's observance of World Day of Prayer was arranged by the prayer meeting committee, P. E. Verney and Arthur Nelson, assisted by the Women's Missionary Society. Invitations were sent to all the people of the town. There was a good attendance, and an earnest prayerful spiritual meeting. Music was furnished by a double quartet and a men's Pioneer quartet.

Young Adults

The Sup and Study Club of the Northern Light Church in Juneau is open to all adults, regardless of age or marital status. The group meets each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. to sup, and at 6:30 begins a discussion of the Gospel of Mark.

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At a potluck dinner and meeting held by the Mariners' Club of the Fairbanks Church, Dec. 16, new mates were welcomed into the group, with skippers Capt. and Mrs. Frank Ferrell in charge. The new mates are Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pollett, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Beardsley, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. G. McBride The group is sponsoring monthly organ recitals, gave a Christmas party for the Eskimos of the congregation, and helped Santa Claus fill the treats for the Sunday School parties.

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The Couple Club of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met on Jan. 21 for a covered-dish dinner. The menu committee were Mr. and Mrs. Carlos W. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. John Marmenter and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butts. The program committee were Dr. and Mrs. Henry C. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Wright. The sound picture, "Ski Hawks," was shown as part of the program.

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The Young Adult group of First Church, Anchorage, meets every Sunday for mature and well planned lessons on the Scriptures. Known as the Business and Professional group they serve an area of youth hitherto unreached.

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Last fall the Mariners' Club of the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage held a rummage sale. It was a success, but even so there was a great deal of goods left over. At the January meeting of the Club it was voted to give the things left to the Faith Church in hopes it could be sold there and the income used for a piano. On Feb. 9 and 10 the first sale was held and about $50 realized, and on Feb. 21 the things left were marked way day and put on sale, and a goodly amount more brought in.

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On Feb. 1 a good sized congregation saw the film "Golgotha" in the Skagway Church. Plans are being made to bring other Christian films to this congregation.

Faith Church Taken In Yukon Presbytery

Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, the newest member of the Alaskan Presbyterian family, was formally organized as a congregation by the Presbytery of Yukon, on the evening of December 15. The evening started with a Congregational dinner in the basement of the Church. The organization meeting was held immediately following the dinner. The Rev. Bert J. Bingle, Moderator of the Presbytery, moderated the meeting and those who planned to join as charter mmebers in the service to follow took part. After the usual order of business, two elders were elected, Don Morrison and Myron Stevens; and three trustees, Mrs. Eldon Gallear, Jack Hamblin and Mrs. J. M. Richardson.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Bingle conducted a short worship service in the sanctuary. Two children and two adults were baptized by the Rev. Fred Koschmann, and 15 charter members were received into the Church by the moderator. Mrs. Gallear sang "Jesu Bambino" by Yon. The Rev. Victor Alfsen of Palmer read Romans 12, followed by prayer by the Rev. E. E. Bromley of Eklutna.

The Rev. R. R. Armstrong, pastor of the First Church in Anchorage, ordained the elders and installed them and the trustees, and the Rev. Mr. Bingle installed the new pastor. The charge to the pastor was given by Mr. Bingle, and the charge to the people by Mr. Armstrong. The congregation joined in the singing of "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come," and Mr. Koschmann pronounced the benediction.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Fairbanks Senior Young People had a "Scavenger Hunt" on December 2. Betty Champlin did a good job of making up the list for the hunters. Kelly and Co. had the advantage in the beginning, as he had a car, but the other group acquired Eddie Prince's car and evened up the race. The hardest thing for the contestants was the black cat. Kelly's bunch came back with a kitten, but it was not completely black, so it was disqualified. Salty tried to dye a white toy cat black with rather poor results. The contest was a draw.

Laymen's Movement

Ground has been cleared by the men of the Craig Church for the purpose of adding on a new wing to the building to be used for Sunday School and recreational purposes.

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Elder George Williams of the Metlakatla Church has been away for some months. Upon his return, he invited all the people of the Church to a fellowship meeting after the evening service on January 25.

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A social evening with coffee was sponsored by the ushers of the Metlakatla Church. The money received was donated toward new folding chairs.

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Men of the Church, is an organization of men in the Fairbanks Church, organized in September. Since its beginning, the group has assisted other organizations with their projects, sponsored the Every Member Canvass for 1948, and helped with repairs of the Church. One of their main projects is a Men's Bible Class which meets every Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour. Squire Bolton is the president, and Chaplain Mercer is the teacher of the Bible class.

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A committee of six men are laying plans for a men's organization in the Haines Church. Monthly study meetings and several community service projects are in the blue print stage.

BINGLE BUSY ALONG

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charge of these respective places are very cooperative and have the best interests of their people at heart. Services are held at the Summit CAA station, but are held less often.

The program on the railroad is much on the increase. Work is being done on the road bed, work trains are out, and this coming Spring will see considerably more of them along the right-of-way. Still more work could be done by the Church if more time and workers were available.

Wherever the Church goes with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there is a need also for a program of wholesome recreation. That need is only partially being met.

Fairbanks JH Club had a social on November 28. The games all had something to do with peanuts.

What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article V. of the Sin of Man

"We believe that our first parents, being tempted, chose evil, and so fell away from God and came under the power of sin, the penalty of which is eternal death; and we confess that, by reason of this disobedience, we and all men are born with a sinful nature, that we have broken God's law, and that no man can be saved but by His grace."

Suggested Scripture: Genesis 3; Matthew 15:10-20; 21:28-46; Romans 5:12-21; Romans 6, 7; Ephesians 2:1-10; James 1:12-27; I John 1:1-10.

Our Church believes and teaches that, when Adam and Eve sinned, the spiritual bloodstream of the entire human race was poisoned by sin. Yes, we believe in original sin—that man is by nature sinful.

The other day a minister friend of mine came to see me. More than 50 years old, I noticed there were still two scars on his forehead. Many years ago I said, "Jack, what made those scars?" He told me that when he was a baby, if he wanted something and was refused it, he would lean over and bump his head on the floor until he got it, hence the scars. As a baby he was illustrating the doctrine he was later to preach — original sin.

We believe that sin is universal. For the Bible says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

We believe that sin is fatal; "the wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die"—the death of eternal separation from God.

But the glorious thing is that sin is forgivable. If we confess our sins, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Sin is removable. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

It is true that the wages of sin is death. It is blessedly true also that the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sin, man's sin, marred the image of God and separated man from God. So long as unforgiven sin is there, fellowship with God is impossible. The natural man is without hope for he is without God. He is apart from God and cannot come to God because sin is in the way.

But God in His great grace had a plan whereby the image could be restored and fellowship could be renewed. The plan was simply that God's own Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, coming from heaven to earth, should bear that sin, take it on Himself, suffer the punishment for it, and pay the penalty of it. And that is what He did by His death on the cross. Then, to renew the image and restore the fellowship, He rose again from the dead, bearing our sins away and reconciling us to God. That, my friend, is God's plan of salvation. Our part is to let Him bear those sins for us, and to accept Him as our substitute, yes, as our own Saviour from sin.—Adapted from the booklet "On the Alert for Christ" by Cecil H. Lang with permission of the publishers, Defense Service Council, Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

KAKE ENTERTAINS

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the Contingent Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Freeman, Box 46, Ketchikan, Alaska, for the expenses of this trip.

Article V, Section 3 of the revised Presbyterian constitution reads: "The basis for determining the number and qualifications of voting delegates from societies shall be as follows: The President and one voting delegate for each twenty (or less) active members. Any society having more than twenty members has the privilege of sending one additional voting delegate. A voting delegate must be a member of a Presbyterian Church."

Visitors in Kake, as well as all of the Kake women are welcome and urged to attend all of the meetings. There is much of a spiritual nature at these meetings, as the "business" of a Presbyterian cannot be separated from the spiritual. Much is gained by any individual who attends. It is only in matters of voting that the rule concerning voting delegates applies.

VIVID EXAMPLE

Little Charles was coming home one Sunday afternoon with a long string of fish, when he had the misfortune of running smack into the minister.

Seeing there was no excuse, Charles decided to meet the situation aggressively. He walked straight up to the parson, put on his biggest smile, and said, "See here, sir—look what happened to these fish for nabbin' worms on Sunday!"

MODERATOR LaROE

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The plane arrived at Annette Island around noon, where the LaRoes and Dr. Jackman were picked up in a jeep and taken to Metlakatla for lunch at the manse, followed by a Church service at 1:30 p.m. The "Vermay," with a load of people from the West Coast of Prince of Wales Island to hear the Moderator, arrived just before the Moderato, and brought him to Ketchikan after the reception following the afternoon service. Mayor Roderick Davis of Metlakatla gave the Moderator a welcoming greeting. Henry Littlefield acted as chairman of the reception, with Mrs. LaRoe and the ministers from the West Coast bringing greetings.

At Ketchikan the LaRoes and Dr. Jackman were honored guests at a Church officers dinner in the manse, followed by the evening service in the Church sanctuary and a reception in the Church social hall. The thirty voice Ketchikan choir, under the direction of William Salt, sang "Worthy Is the Lamb," "Since By Man Came Death," and the "Hallelujah" chorus from Handel's "Messiah." Mrs. Martin Hanson sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth."

In Juneau on Feb. 3, the Moderator spoke at the Memorial Church in the afternoon and the Northern Light Church in the evening with a reception following the evening service.

The party arrived in Sitka on Feb. 4 on schedule. After luncheon at the Sheldon Jackson Junior College, the party visited around Sitka and Mt. Edgecumbe in the afternoon. The Moderator addressed a capacity audience in the Church in the evening, and the students and staff of Sheldon Jackson at Chapel the next morning, and then left on the early plane for Juneau and Anchorage that same day.

The party visited Anchorage on Feb. 5, and Fairbanks on Feb. 6, and were back in Seattle on Feb. 7. In each place the Moderator gave a challenging heart-searching message on "The Challenge of Christianity in the World Today."

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Deacons of the Metlakatla Church have built a new cupboard in the Church kitchen and installed a hot water unit, previously purchased by the Women's Missionary Society.

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Paul Silook Attends General Assembly

Elder Paul Silook was the first representative of his native village of Gambell on St. Lawrence Island to attend the Presbyterian General Assembly, held this year at Seattle, May 26 to June 2. Elder Silook represented the Yukon Presbytery.

Silook has made one other trip to the mainland from St. Lawrence Island. He went to Nome in 1918. But upon arriving in Fairbanks on this trip, for the first time in his life he saw a tree, large buildings, big stores, paved streets, and experienced "the confusion of city life."

Silook said that he would like to live in Fairbanks provided that his family were there too. Silook has a married son and daughter, four children at home, and a grandchild. The economic aspects would not be too favorable, he reflected. In Fairbanks one would have to work and support a family. In Gambell, the entire village works and shares responsibilities.

Gambell, population about 280, is located on the northwest tip of St. Lawrence Island, and the closest point to Siberia. It is famed for the fine ivory work of the natives who have developed the art themselves uninfluenced by outside contact. All the ivory used in carving is obtained from walrus killed by the villagers.

Gambell has one school, 80 pupils and two teachers. New teachers arriving at Gambell the latter part of June are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Demmert of Klawock.

During the winter when planes can land there, the village sometimes has two mail days a month. Mail in the summer comes by boat infrequently.

There are no gardens in Gambell, but the natives get seeds from the mainland and grow bits of ivy and other ornamental plants in jars and cans in their homes. Food is principally on the fin. Fish, whale, seal, walrus and some birds supply the tables of Gambell.

Sports consist mainly of throwing balls around and catching them. The natives used to dance a lot and wrestle, but now they amuse themselves in other ways. However, wrestling is beginning to creep back.

There is no liquor in Gambell and there has never been a single crime committed on the island since the coming of missionaries.

Silook says he can keep himself from being homesick only by making his mind "sit" on the place where he is going. But when the General Assembly was over, his mind was "sitting" on the village of Gambell.

Silook flew to Seattle with the Rev. N. Harry Champlin of Fairbanks and the two drove back over the Alcan Highway. Mr. Champlin was a visitor to the General Assembly. The minister commissioner from Yukon Presbytery was the Rev. Victor Alfsen of Palmer. Alaska Presbytery's commissioners were Elder Cyrus Peck of Klukwan and the Rev. Elwood Hunter of Sitka.

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Wrangell Church held its Daily Vacation Bible School in May.

Flood Slows Up Highway Work

Work on the Alaska Highway is sort of bogged down in mud and water at the time "The Alaska Presbyterian" is going to press. Shortly after the ice moved out of the Tanana River, the hot sun moved much of the snow off the hills. The snowfall being the heaviest in years, the run-off was just too much for the river bed. Hence the Richardson and Alaska highways both had washouts. The Richardson was much the worse, at one place being over five feet deep.

Travel as far as the Highway missionary, the Rev. Bert J. Bingle, was concerned, was at a standstill. He did get into Tok Junction about midnight one night intending to stay in that vicinity about three days. But the bridges over which he crossed on the Tok and Salina road looked exceedingly unstable.

Desiring to be home for his son's graduation from high school, he immediately left for the Matanuska Valley where he left his car and took the train for Fairbanks. Thus one round of services was cancelled out.

On Mother's Day special services were held at Northway air port. Miss Smith, the school teacher, with the help of many of the mothers, put on a very fine Mother's Day program with the Northway Sunday School. Recognition was given for the youngest and oldest mothers presens and for the mother with the most children. The day before on the bank of a nearby river, a picnic was held for the children by the teacher, Miss Smith, and the highway missionary, the Rev. B. J. Bnigle.

Plans are now in formation for a fine summer program at both Northway area and Tok and Tanacross areas. More families and more children are moving into these areas all the time.

Work on the Rail belt this summer will be greatly increased by the letting of many contracts covering building construction and road bed work. This should take the missionary more to these areas than in the past. Healy folk are insisting that a regular Sunday School be held for their children. Up to this date no one will volunteer to be the teacher.

BIRD SANCTUARY

Northern Light Church in Juneau has an annual custom of having canary birds adorn the worship service on Mother's Day. Members of the church owning canaries bring them to church and the beauty of their song fills the sanctuary.

Summer Conferences

June 16-23. Senior and Young People's Westminster Fellowship Summer Conference. Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Sitka, Alaska.

June 25-July 3. Junior and Senior High Camp. King's Lake, Palmer, Alaska.

July 23-August 16. Work and Study Conference. Alaska Presbytery Conference Grounds, Haines, Alaska.

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Dr. Ryan Addresses SJJC Commencement

Dr. James C. Ryan, Commissioner of Education for Alaska, addressed the members of the third graduating class of Sheldon Jackson Junior College on the evening of May 17 in the First Presbyterian Church of Sitka. This year's graduating class consisted of Irene Benson, Herbert Didrickson, and Mark Davis.

On the morning of May 18, eighteen candidates received their diplomas at the twenty-sixth high school graduation. Graduates were Elaine Abraham, Yakutat; Adelaide Bartness, Juneau; Jack Booth, Metlakatla; Nina Cook, Sitka; Andrew Gamble, Angoon; Sam Jackson, Kake; Vernon Jensen, Ketchikan; Matilda Johnson, Angoon; Mitchell Martin, Kake; Jean Max, Pelican City; Rachel Mooney, Juneau; Alice Moy, Sitka; Alma Nelson, Metlakatla; Irene Sarabia, Hoonah; Katherine Wanamaker, Juneau; Lawrence Widmark, Jr., Klawock; George Williams, Ketchikan. Jack Booth was the valedictorian and Vernon Jensen the salutatorian.

On awards day, Mark Davis was awarded the Robert E. Yaw memorial scholarship, granting him $150 a year for four years. Mark has registered at Whitworth College for the coming year and plans to go to to San Francisco Theological Seminary in preparation for entering the ministry.

September 18 will be registration day on Sheldon Jackson campus. However, all students who are planning to return as well as new students are advised to register well in advance of that date. Applications are being received for entering the Eighth grade.

The Sheldon Jackson Junior College offers a two year Liberal Arts course, elementary and advanced work in industrial subjects, and training in the field of Bible and Christian education. Qualified young people who have been graduated from high school and who wish to continue their studies in Alaska are urged to consider these advantages.

NEW MEMBERS

Fourteen new members were received into the Klukwan Church on Good Friday during the evening service. Most of them were young people. On Easter Sunday one more was received on reaffirmation of faith.

Summer Conference Programs Outlined

Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries are launching the largest summer conference program in their history this summer. Four regular summer conferences are planned on Presbytery-wide basis. Several Churches also will have local camps for various age groups.

"Operation Panel" on the site of the new summer conference grounds near Haines, has been completed without accident but not without incident. Panels from two 100 foot panel buildings were moved from Skagway to Madsen's Cove. The project began April 20 and was completed May 1. The panels were moved on a raft pulled by the M. S. "Princeton-Hall." A total of five trips was made. Forty men and boys from Skagway, Klukwan, and Haines gave volunteer service in loading and unloading the raft.

There was so much of calm wind and fair tide, so much cooperation from nature, that volunteer workers felt that the project was being aided and undergirded by the presence of the Lord.

The project was carried out by the Christian Education Committee of Alaska Presbytery with the assistance of General Missionary Paul Prouty and George Everest of the "Princeton-Hall," and all the men and boys who did not think it too much to live according to the "rhythm of the tides," sometimes rising at 2 a.m. to properly place the raft for loading at Skagway, or coming out to Madsen's Cove at 4 a.m. to unload the raft at high tide.

Memorial Day was used for a work project at the King's Lake Camp near Palmer by the Mariners' Club of the First Church of Anchorage. The "Fitzsimmons Memorial Cabin," built through the cooperative efforts of the Anchorage Rotary Club, is the latest addition to the King's Lake Camp.

Registrations are coming in for the Senior and Young People's Westminster Fellowship Summer Conference to be held on the campus of Sheldon Jackson Junior College at Sitka, June 16-23.

Adult leaders for the conference will be Dorothy Callecod, Haines House; Mrs. G. C. Crowell, Wrangell; Mrs. Willis Booth, Juneau; Phila Helt, S. J. J. C.; Rev. Walter Soboleff, Juneau; Rev. E. D. Freeman, Ketchikan; Rev. Elwood Hunter, Sitka; Roland Wurster, S. J. J. C.; Leslie Yaw, S. J. J. C. The Rev. Kenneth F. Fox, Haines, is director of the conference.

Elizabeth Howell, assistant secretary for youth work of the Board of National Missions, will be present during the summer conference. Her main responsibility will be for the training of caravan teams who will visit some of the churches following the conference.

One goal of this year's summer conference is the organization of Westminster Fellowship on a Presbytery-wide basis. All young people coming to Sitka should be delegates by their young people's group or by their church sessions as their representatives. Public recognition

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Rosa Page Welch Good-Will Tour

Rosa Page Welch, noted negro concert singer, has been invited to tour Alaska the first two weeks in November.

Not only is Mrs. Welch an accomplished soloist, but she is also highly skilled in leading group singing of negro spirituals. Mrs. Welch, a native of Fort Gibson, Mississippi, was graduated from the Southern Christian Institute. She has taught academic and music courses in southern schools and faced a brilliant career as a concert artist ten years ago, when she chose to devote herself to the field of religious and interracial goodwill. Today she is a member of the Commission on World Order for the Disciples of Christ Brotherhood.

Mrs. Welch was the song leader for the National Meeting of Presbyterian Women at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1946.

Haines House Plans New Projects

Haines House plans for the summer are being set up to include projects for the girls in: sewing, handicraft, music, reading, gardening, and cooking and canning, with a camping trip at the end of the summer for those who carry out the projects. Plans are being made with the boys, too, for extra shop work, training in swimming and other sports. They will continue to make plastic pins and will be glad to take orders for them. The boys camping trips will be scattered through the summer. These plans are in addition to the gardening, herding, berry picking, kitchen, laundry and other work with which the children help. Several of the older girls have part time jobs in town for the summer, and the boys are called on for odd jobs by the neighbors.

Haines House children will be attending a family assembly period three times a week instead of the Christian Education classes scheduled during the school year. In these evening groups various leaders will present different interesting subject matter. Olive Fisher and Dorothy Callecod will have a musical half hour with the family; nature study will be presented by Miss Atkinson, Isabel Miller and Helen Hartman; and artistic activities will be guided by Mrs. Olive Duffy, Edith Auldridge, and Helen Hartman. Mrs. Forest Nowell will continue her worship service on a fourth night.

Haines House children and staff members find that their morning devotional period of Bi-

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PURE WATER

How interesting to know that the common water we drink every day is a fluid that baffles renowned men of the world of science. Chemists tell us that the main elements of water are hydrogen and oxygen. Hydrogen is one of the most inflammable of all gases known. Oxygen is necessary to all inflammation Therefore, by all the common laws of nature, this deadly composition should readily ignite. Yet it extinguishes fire!

Nature plays many tricks with water, changing it into steam and fog, condensing it freely back into liquid and even fashioning from it the hard, glassy substance known as ice. Never once in all these processes does this myterious composition become inflammable. What chemist would dare to treat two such inflammable gases so carelessly?

Water baffles science in other ways, too. It contracts the common law that demands expansion from heat and contraction from cold. When water is subject to an extremely low temperature it begins to contract as it should. If it continued to contract according to this law, the result would be a heavy ice that would sink. But for some unknown reason it suddenly reverses the process and expands to become much lighter than it was originally, and hence it floats. If you expose a piece of ice to heat, it begins to melt. This law demands that a substance expands when heated. If ice expanded when heated, it would become so light that it would eventually float into the air. This is a mystery that defies explanation.

As interesting as these strange phenomena are, they fail to concern the average individual. Most people are concerned only with the fact that water satisfies, that it quenches the thirst. Nothing seems more satisfying to a thirsty traveler than a good long drink from a cool mountain stream. There is one stream of pure water that satisfies even more than that of a mountain stream. The greatest man that ever lived once said of this Water that if we drink we shall never thirst again. What could be more satisfying than that? It is an unexplainable mystery that exceeds our mortal understanding.

"Let him who is thirsty come, let him who desires take the water of life without price."—Revelation 22:17.

SEMINAR VISITS ALASKA

Twenty-four Presbyterians are at this writing touring Alaska studying the Territory, the Presbyterian Church, and its relation to the total Alaska picture. The group is a serious-minded, well-informed group, who have studied Alaska before coming up here, and are now observing first hand. Everywhere they go, they are most observant and they ask unusually intelligent questions. It is a privilege to have such a group visit our mission stations, for we know that they will be of great help to the cause of Christ in Alaska when they get back to their respective communities.

Included in the party are several from the headquarters staff of the Board of Nationel Missions. In this group are Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary for Sunday School Missions and Alaska; Dr. Merlyn A. Chappel, Secretary of Promotion, Church Budget; Dr. F. Campbell Symonds, Secretary for Special Gifts; Miss Elizabeth Howell, Secretary for Youth Work; and Miss Edith J. Agnew.

Two of the party are members of the Board of National Missions and are the Alaska section of the Advance Program Committee. The two are Dr. Harold H. Baldwin, Executive of the Presbytery of Rochester, N. Y., and Dr. Louis W. Sherwin, pastor of the Highland Park, Illinois Presbyterian Church.

Other members of the party are the Rev. Claude S. Conley, Executive of the Synod of Pennsylvania; Mrs. J. C. Eldridge of Chattanooga, Tennessee; the Rev. and Mrs. Paul W. Gauss, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio; the Rev. and Mrs. Willis L. Gelston, pastor of the Highland Park, Michigan Presbyterian Church; Dr. William Hanzsche, pastor of the Prospect Street Presbyterian Church, Trenton, New Jersey, and president of the Board of Directors of "Presbyterian Life"; Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Henderson of Morgantown, West Virginia; Dr. Lester E. Kemper, pastor of the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio; the Rev. Bryant M. Kirkland, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey; Mrs. E. Fenton Moore of Chattanooga, Tennessee; the Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. Thomas of Allentown, Pennsylvania; Miss Pauline Timothy, lay pastor of an eight church larger parish with headquarters at Laconia, Indiana; and Dr. William F. Wefer, Executive of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Alaska Presbyterians have been thrilled with the interest of this hard working group and appreciate the inspiration of their visit. We shall appreciate even more through the years their prayers and intelligent interest in our work.

Repentance

Repentance is a solemn, lovely thing.
It need not bring one swollen, tearfilled eye,
But deep within the soul the cleansing tears must flow—
Not for sorrow brought by sin, for despairing pain,
Nor yet for clouds that doom life's sunlit skies—
The tears must be for sin that brought the woe,
For life's cross-currents that begot the rain.

One may not cover with his hand the stain;
The stinging smart which lacerates the soul,
The moment sin is born and starts its deadly way,
Must cleanse the blot with faith and firm humility,
With knowledge that God's love can make one whole,
That Christ's salvation comes to those who pray,
And through love's service build Eternity.

—Raymond B. Spivey

Out of the Mixing Bowl

Musings of a Minister's Wife

WITH EYES SHUT TIGHT

The click of the latch, a gust of cold air, a resounding slam! . . . and Joe was home to lunch.

"My," thought Mommie, "How soon men start getting noisy!" (Remembering the sound of the milk pails banging in the stainless steel sink every morning, she decided that Daddy must have started very young.)

"Mommie!' shouted Joe, bursting into the kitchen, "Mommie, I . . ."

"Wheres Jon and Jane?" she interrupted.

"They're coming. And Mommie, all the way home I shut my eyes and asked the Lord to lead me. I really did."

"Well, what was the sense of that? The Lord gave you eyes to see with and He expects you to use them, not to do foolish stunts." And Mommie carried the tray of soup to the table.

"Sometimes I only shut one eye," countered Joe, somewhat subdued.

"But why shut any eyes? . . . Then if you'd stumbled you would have blamed the Lord and it would not have been His fault. Now better get your hands washed."

"But, Mommie, I wanted to pray!" Joe shouted while walking to the wash bowl.

There's a time to be walking with your eyes open and a time to be praying.

There are times when the way is plain before our eyes. Yet, knowing what the Lord would have us do, we close our eyes and pray. "Go forward!" He commands. And we tarry to inquire further or we stumble along expecting a special miracle.

Mommie hustled Becky into her kindergarten clothes, zipping up leggings and hunting for galoshes. Jane, Jon, and Joe took her in tow and they started back to school.

The twins and Net-net were soon settled for their naps. While little "Tad" nursed his bottle, Mommie rocked him, sitting in front of the fire.

"My! how many times I've done just that," she thought. "Shut my eyes and asked the Lord to lead me when I should have left them open and walked along with Him on the path made plain before my feet." — Doris Coffin Aldrich.

NEW LIFE HYMN

Lord, take my burning heart,
Brighten its flame;
Gladly I give my all
In Your dear Name.
You are the Way to God,
Your love the sun
Shining upon my path
'Til Heaven is won.

Savior, my heart inspire
With wisdom's light;
May all I think or do
Be for the right.
You are the Truth, the Will
Of God for me,
Pointing and leading to
Eternity.

Lord of the loving heart,
King of my soul,
Lift me above my sins
And make me whole.
You are the Life for those
With eyes to see;
My heart is Yours, O Christ,
Eternally!

—Raymond B. Spivey

The Metlakatla Church School had a capacity attendance for the children's Easter service. Thirty-nine awards were given out for outstanding attendance during the quarter.

What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article VI. Of the Grace of God

"We believe that God, out of His great love for the world, has given His only begotten Son to be Saviour of sinners, and in the Gospel freely offers His all-sufficient salvation to all men. And we praise Him for the unspeaakble grace wherein He has provided a way of eternal life for all mankind."

Suggested Scriptures: Luke 7:-46-50; John 3:1-17; Romans 8; Luke 15; Romans 5;1-11; Galatians 3; Ephesians 2.

I. The Gift of God—His Only Begotten Son.

And who would not remember at once the words of John 3:16! This is the message of Christmas. It is the outpouring, the giving Himself of God in the person of His Son—for a very definite purpose, a very very definite end: the salvation of man. That man who, born in sin, lives away from God and has neither ability nor strength to come to Him, to find salvation, to save himself. Because man cannot "go to heaven" by virtue of his own strength, because he cannot save himself, therefore God in His unspeakable grace has decided upon the only other alternative. He came to man, entered into this man's world in the person of His very own Son, the Lord, Jesus Christ. He carried out the will and plan of the Father to the fullest extent possible. He produced new lives by offering new life. Giving new life meant sacrificing His own at the cross. Read Philippians 2:6-8.

II. The Gospel Offers Salvation to All Men.

Nowhere in literature is there anything like it! "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." "The words which I speak are life." In the New Testament we are told to believe in the word and also to believe in Christ. The Word and the Person are one and the same. Why? Because Christ in His work has carried out and fulfilled the will of the Father in the fullest possible manner. Not only that. His innermost thoughts, the words which He spoke, are a perfect identification of the mind of the Father. "I and the Father are one,' Jesus assures us. He not only became the Father's **messenger** to this world, He Himself became **the message**. His word, therefore, the "Glad Tidings," became and is the life-giving, life-creating Word of God. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us—we beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." Believing in this Word, this life-giving Gospel, accepting it as God's power unto life, is the way of salvation. Read Romans 1:16.

III. The Grace of God—Provides Eternal Life.

Drawing a conclusion from the above one can only say with the apostle Paul, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us." And what a wonderful treasure it is! It must be spiritually discerned. One cannot take the unspeakable grace of God under the microscope, one cannot disect it on the laboratory table. One must "believe it.. But even to believ eis a gift of God's grace. After all, we are not saved because **we** believe, we are saved because we **believe that Christ** has saved us. Read I John 1:1-4; Ephesians 2:1-10.—Alwin E. Gall.

Book Reviews

Poor Winner

No Trumpet Before Him. By Nella Gardner White. Westminster Press.

Paul Phillips is appointed by the Bishop to a sophisticated church. The official board felt insulted, his wife felt born again. He felt it his duty to preach the teachings of Jesus, but had no certain message for today's young people. He loved children and had a deep sympathy for burdened people, but he lost his love for his wife and fell for the Bishop's daughter, who couldn't live with her veteran husband and decided that her father hypnotized himself into believing in spiritual things.

Paul preached his whole Christmas sermon against a negro tenement district owned by a very proper old maid on the official board. She finally decided, through a sense of justice, to withdraw her bequest to the church and rebuild, and forgives Paul. Paul tells the Bishop's daughter of his love and sends her off to start life anew while he returns to a fatalistic life with his wife who has gained the beginning of wisdom and is ready to look forward to their life together with a sense of security and accepted pessimism which the writer seems to describe as against the teachings of Jesus.

The writer is clever and well read, and it is easy to see how the book might get a prize if judged for its literary excellence by those who feel that the church has had its day, that religion has nothing to do with a good life unless as a background, that most ministers are sincere even if mistaken and that there is no spiritual power to be received from prayer, the Bible, or the Holy Spirit. But if this is the best novel entered in a Church contest in a year when many are vibrating to the quickening spirit of victorious living through Jesus Christ as encouraged and guided by the New Life Movement, it should have been declared "No Contest." — B. Ross Cleeland.

MY PRAYER

Jesus, Lord, O hear my suppliant prayer,
Be Thou my guide, O let me feel Thee near,
So when temptations would my soul beguile,
I'll turn to Tee, an humble child.

When I fall, lift me up tenderly,
That in Thy strength I walk more perfectly,
To that last hour when my life's day is done,
Stoop to my need, and take me home.

—Roma Todd Crowell

In honor of Family Week, the Junior High Club of the Fairbanks Church sponsored a "Pie Social" on the night of May 7 which was quite a success. Each organization in the church presented a stunt or directed a game. The pie eating contest was won by James Bingle. The Ladies' Aid presented a skit, "Mother." A community sing, followed by a talk on the importance of the marriage vows by the pastor, concluded the program.

Love never fails.

SACRIFICIAL MEAL

Students at Sheldon Jackson Junior College had three sacrificial meals and took up an offering in chapel on Good Friday to raise money for the Hydaburg Church, which burned to the ground, and the Juneau Memorial Church manse which was partially damaged by fire.

Women's Activities

Mrs. Walter Calhoun gave her report of Presbyterial meeting at Palmer to the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church on May 3. The group packed a box of clothing for Haines House. Several new articles of clothing had been given by a local store which the women remade. The hostesses were Mrs. N. Harry Champlin, Mrs. Marion Horton, and Dorothy Nichols.

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No group of Christian women can be content with just money making schemes, so the Ladies' Aid of the Wrangell Church adopted the Presbyterian plan for women's work. The Carrie and Crowell circles are sponsoring a girl scout troop which is already off to a good start with 24 members. They have also purchased an electric coffee-maker for the church with a capacity of 48 cups.

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The Women's Missionary Society of the Metlakatla Church had a Mother's Day Sale April 27 at which fancy work was sold. A very popular feature of the sale was the Coffee Shoppe.

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Members of the Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church participated in a colorful shower for the new kitchen on May 20. Twenty-four women brought many useful gifts which were placed under a gaily decorated pink and white umbrella in the center of the table. They also had a "Spring Breakfast" on May 27. Proceeds from the breakfast were used to help with the cost of the kitchen equipment

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The Women's Church Auxiliary of the Skagway Church met on May 5 at the Steffen home. Business discussed included plans for the dinner for the Seminar from the General Assembly and the bake sale held at the Dewar Hardware Store on May 15.

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The Klawock Missionary Society entertained the Craig Missionary Society on March 19, at a luncheon followed by a short program and business meeting. At this meeting it was voted to send money for CARE packages to Germany. $30 was raised for this purpose—three families were remembered with food packages.

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Installation of Presbyterian Women of the Sitka Church took place at the regular monthly business meeting held at the home of Mrs. Roland Wurster, on May 11. Mrs. Leslie Yaw was the installing officer. New officers are: Mrs. R. V. Nelson, president; Mrs. A. P. Johnson, Missionary Education; Mrs. Oliver Hallman, Literature Secretary; Mrs. Charles Littlefield, Social Education and Action; and Mrs. C. S. Latta, Spiritual Life and Stewardship

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Presbyterian Women and Ladies' Aid of the Sitka Church jointly sponsored a Mothers and Daughters banquet attended by 150. Mrs. Jessie Price presided. Mrs. Roy Avrit was Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Rush led the singing and sang a solo. Jean Penrod gave a toast to the mothers, while Mrs. Mary Whittemore gave a toast to the daughters. Mrs. Chester Latta gave a speech on the subject, "Our Mother-Daughter Pattern Today and in Bible Times."

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Over one-hundred persons attended the annual Smorgasbord Dinner put on by the Ladies' Aid of the Wrangell Church on April 24.

The World Service Circle of the Juneau Northern Light Church entertained the Martha Society at a luncheon in the Church parlors on May 14. The program included a solo by Mrs. W. B. Heisel, reports of the Presbyterial meeting at Kake by Mesdames E. E. Engstrom and W. R. Booth, and the installation of new officers by the Rev. Mr. W. R Booth.

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The Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau held a rummage sale in the Church basement on May 12.

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The Women's Missionary Society of the Wrangell Church gave a donation towards the new stove in the Church kitchen, bought by the Ladies' Aid society. They also made and hung new curtains in the Sunday School Auditorium.

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The Women's Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid of the Wrangell Church bought paint to redecorate the manse.

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Wrangell is having a part in the "Days of '98' celebration, and the Church women have made plans to greet the stranger within their gates by serving them tea in the oldest Protestant Church in all Alaska.

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Mrs. Ernest Hubbard conducted a program on Korea at a meeting of the Fairbanks Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs. Squire Bolton on April 15. Mrs. Harry Brandt assisted as co-hostess.

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Thirty-two women attended the March 18 meeting of the Ladies Aid of the Fairbanks Church. A dessert luncheon was served, after which Mrs. Allan Lee brought the topic on Christian church work in Europe, particularly in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Dorothy Nichols related highlights of her experience while outside. Mrs. Agnes Herring and Mrs. Carl Johnson were co-hostesses.

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A study of Siam, the Reconstruction program, and other problems were presented at a meeting of the World Service Circle of the Juneau Northern Light Church on April 9. Mrs. J. A. Verner led the devotions. Mesdames R. E. Robertson and Ray Day were hostesses.

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The Women's Bethany Bible Class of the Fairbanks Church held their April business meeting at the home of Dr. Mary McLean. After the business meeting, they read chapters from the book, "Committed Unto Us." For refreshments they were served apple pie a la mode.

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New dinner plates, cups and saucers were bought for the Ketchikan Church by the Mary-Martha Guild from the proceeds of a Mother's Day Fancy Work and Coffee Sale. Plans are now being made to remodel the Church kitchen.

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The Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church assigned $100, received from the Valentine Candy Sale, to the Organ Fund. This group also bought new toys, coloring books, and crayons for the Church nursery.

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New officers of the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau were installed on April 2 in the Church parlors. Mesdames Matilda Streed and Sid Thompson were co-hostesses for dessert luncheon.

Westminster Fellowship

Under the direction of the Juneau Ministerial Association, the young people of the churches conducted an early morning Easter worship service at 6:30 a.m. in the Evergreen Bowl.

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Minnette Williams, president of the Senior C. E. society of the Ketchikan Church, presided at the first union Easter sunrise service in Ketchikan, sponsored by the young people of the various churches.

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Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church had a Smile Social on March 2 in the church. The invitation read:

"Smile awhile, and after awhile—
Of course, you know the rest.
So bring a stick of chewing gum,
And smile your level best.
No other admission fee,
Is needed but these two.
So come along and smile awhile;
We'll do the same for you."

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Pupils in the Intermediate, Junior, and Primary departments of the Fairbanks Church School had a special Easter worship service in the sanctuary under the leadership of Mrs. A. B. Mercer.

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Fred Kincaid was in charge of a hay-ride of the Fairbanks Senior Young People on March 30 around the farmers loop road. Refreshments were served at the home of Jim Bingle.

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Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church led the evening service on April 18. Henry Gettinger, the president of the group, spoke on "The Curse of Pride." Bob Parker led the evening prayers. Judy Greiman led the singing. The responsive scripture reading was led by Frank Kinkaid, and June Pedersen read the Scripture lesson. Ed Hanson sang a solo, and Mrs. Nick Matulis was the organist

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Boys and girls in grades four, five, and six attend the Torchbearers' Club of the Fairbanks Church every Friday afternoon after school. Bible stories, dramatization and other activities are enjoyed.

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New officers of the Junior High Club of the Fairbanks Church are: Loyal Burkett, president; Elsa Fleming, vice-president; Currie Pedersen, secretary-treasurer; Bill Watt, sergeant-at-arms. The Club meets every Sunday afternoon.

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The first Sunday in each month is now Sunday School Day in the Wrangell Church. The children have charge of the first part of the worship hour with songs and scripture, and listen with rapt attention to a story especially for them.

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The Martha Society of the Juneau Northern Light Church had a Goodie Sale at the Piggly-Wiggly Store on Saturday, April 24.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church sponsored a series of mission study classes on Friday evening in March. The Rev. Harry Champlin conducted the classes, and the text studied was "Committed Unto Us" by Willis Lamott.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church held a food sale at the Carnival Big Top. Hot dishes, pies, cookies and sandwiches were sold. Mrs. Carl Johnson was in charge. Proceeds were used to purchase new folding chairs.

Joseph Charles and Mabel Wickstrom of Haines House will enter Sheldon Jackson Junior College in the eighth grade in September.

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Promotion Day was held in the Sunday School of the Northern Light Church in Juneau on May 16.

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Juneau will have its third union Vacation Church School, May 31-June 11. Mrs. Willis R. Booth will be Dean of the School.

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Sitka will have a Daily Vacation Bible School late in June. The Youth Caravan will be in charge, with Mrs. Helen Hatch directing.

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Sunday School teachers for the summer in the Sitka church include the following new members: Mrs. Marliss Koroch who will assist Mrs. Roland Wurster in the Beginners' Department, Mrs. Oliver Hallman will take Mrs. Hunter's place with the juniors, and Mrs. Helen Hatch will teach the adult group.

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The Junior C. E. of the Klawock Church entertained their mothers on Mother's Day with an appropriate program, followed with refreshments served by the girls of the group.

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Skagway Church will have their Daily Vacation Bible School June 21 to July 2. Last year's school enrolled nearly 80 children and they expect to top this figure this year. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Skaff will help with the Bible School.

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Twelve pupils of the Skagway Sunday School had perfect attendance from April 1, 1947, to March 31, 1948. They were presented with perfect attendance award pins on Children's Day, June 13.

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Skagway high school had three graduates this year: Cecilia Seimer, Roy Dennis and Mike Tierney. Roy plans to attend Sheldon Jackson Junior College in September and Cecilia plans to go to the University of Alaska.

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The Junior High Fellowship of the Skagway Church is planning an interesting summer of meetings and activities. They sponsor the Sunday morning nursery for children under four years of age. On May 16 they had a hike meeting and picnic supper. The committee in charge was Phyllis Olsen, Jane Steffen and Phil Eagle.

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The Cub Scouts of the Skagway Church held their annual Blue and Gold Dinner on March 8. Achievement awards were presented to Roger Colton, Bill Reed, and Fred Boynton. Carl Nord was inducted into the Cub Pack.

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Petersburg Church is planning a Daily Vacation Bible School for early June.

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Hydaburg Church had its Daily Vacation Bible School during the first part of June.

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Under the direction of Chester Latta, a crew of boys redecorated the interior of North Pacific Hall, older girls dormitory at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. The lower part of the walls were decorated in pale green, while the upper part of the walls were painted white. The floors were tiled with black and maroon tile. Girls residing at NPH did the preparatory work of scraping the old paint off the walls.

Women Enjoy Unity, Fellowship

The first annual meeting of the Yukon Presbyterial Society was held at the United Protestant Church, Palmer, Alaska, on April 16-17, 1948, with representatives from eight different groups in attendance. It was impossible for the two groups on St. Lawrence Island to be represented this year.

The Presbyterial Society's first year of orientation and adjustment has borne some fruit. The original membership of four societies has been doubled. The giving of this current year will far exceed that of the past year. Possibly the most important step in advance is the feeling of unity and fellowship which has made itself felt within the group.

The present enrollment includes two societies from the Fairbanks Presbyterian Church, two societies from the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, one society from the Faith Presbyterian Church of Anchorage, one society from the Gambell Presbyterian Church, one society from the Savoonga Presbyterian Church, and one society from the United Protestant Church of Palmer.

Children's Day was observed May 23 this year in the Fairbanks Church, so that all children would be able to attend. Many leave town after school closes the last of May. A special service was held in the church sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. The kindergarten and nursery groups sang songs and did some finger plays. The primary department dramatized "Stories of Jesus." The junior-intermediate department led the worship service, "Sharing the Truth" and all participated in the special Children's Day offering. A junior choir organized and directed by Mrs. Elsie B. Montgomery sang both during the Sunday School and morning worship hours. Promotion day was held May 30.

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The Junior Sunday School classes of the Wrangell Church gave a tea for their mothers in the Sunday School parlor on Mother's Day afternoon. The program included a welcoming poem and greeting, two piano selections, and a song, "I Would Be True," with the words changed to read, "I would be true because my mother trusts me; I would be pure because my mother cares," etc. The girls made the cookies, and the boys brought candy. A grandmother of one of the girls poured. The children served the refreshments.

HAINES HOUSE PLANS

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ble reading and prayer helps them start the day with God's strength and grace, as well as sharing in the work of missionaries by their prayers for them. It is hoped that several of the older children can attend the Junior High camp at Haines or the Westminster Fellowship Senior-Young People's conference at Sitka and there find a mountain-top spiritual experience.

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Several Haines House children have left for summer vacations. Vida and Beatrice Paddy will spend the cannery months with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hotch and Mr. and Mrs. John Willard. Joseph Charles will leave in July to fish with his uncle, Cecil Nix in Hydaburg. Billy and George Guthrie are spending the summer with their grandparents in Metlakatla. Herschel Jones left on May 15 to spend the summer with his mother, Mrs. Annabelle Forde of Kasaan.

New Life

My Heart I Give Thee Lord

Eagerly and Sincerely

One of the Eskimo members of the Fairbanks Church made a beautiful baby's parka, size 1, of Fawn to help to raise money for the Restoration Fund.

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A Baked Bean Dinner was served at the Chapel By The Lake on Saturday 24 to raise money for their building fund.

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Dr. Mortimer M. Stocker was entertained at an all-church dinner in the Young Memorial Hall of the Fairbanks Church. Dr. Stocker explained the use of the new curriculum materials for Sunday School. Besides the presentation and explanation of the new materials, a movie, "In the Home as in the Temple" was shown. Mrs. Allan Lee was in charge of the dinner.

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Paul H. Prouty, general missionary aboard the M. S. "Princeton-Hall" conducted a service of re-dedication for the Klukwan Church on April 25. Kenneth Fox of the Haines Church preached the sermon. Following the service, refreshments were served by the Women's Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. Virginia Rose Hotch, president.

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During the summer months, tourists coming down the Haines Cutoff from the Alcan Highway find the quiet sanctuary of the Klukwan Church a pleasant place for quiet meditation. The Church is becoming a popular place of rest for weary travellers, and many are reminded there of Christ's words, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest."

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Petersburg had its first Easter sunrise service this year, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church and held on the lawn of the hospital which was covered by a foot or more of snow.

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The Anchorage Ministers Gospel Fellowship recently appointed a committee to study a revision of Territorial Liquor Laws with a view to stricter enforcement. Studies and recommendations will be given to Ministerial groups in Farbanks, Juneau, and Ketchikan. When studies are complete-publicity will be started in church groups, seeking for territorial-wide action toward adoption of the program.

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During the last few months over 75 new members have been added to the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. Each Sunday a few join themselves to a growing number making affiliations with the local congregation.

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Easter in Anchorage hit an all time high with 1380 in attendance at three services. Capacity crowds again necessitated the use of the high school auditorium. The cantata, "Eastertide" by Protheroe was presented by the choir, followed by the message, "The Triumph of Life"

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A new washing machine was installed in the laundry of Sheldon Jackson Junior College recently. The new laundry supervisor is Mrs. Blanche White, and it is reported that she is appropriately named.

Hydaburg is finding since their church burned that a congregation without a church building is like a family without a home. Many of the activities suffer. But the suffering has made the community conscious of the urgent need for a new house of worship. At present services are held in the school house. A site south of the manse has been selected to build the new church bringing it closer to the center of the village. About $2300 has been received toward the new building. Approximately 9000 feet of lumber is now ready, approximately one-fifth of the amount needed. By the time all the lumber is ready, plans for a new building will be in the blue-print stage. Some of the necessary building materials outside of lumber will be ordered shortly.

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Twelve young people and three adults were received into the membership of the Metlakatla Church at Easter.

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Isabel Louise arrived on the evening of April 18 to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weeks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are former staff members at Sheldon Jackson. Mr. Weeks is now the director of Christian Education at Mt. Edgecumbe School.

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Cement blocks are being constructed in a small experimental plant at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Boys at the school dig their own sand and gravel and make the blocks according to architectural standards. More than one thousand will be used this summer in construction and maintenance work.

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Spiritual Emphasis Week of Anchorage was climaxed by the usual Good Friday Candlelight Communion Service held in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church. In this hour kindred spirits met and realized anew the power of The Risen One in a sinner's life.

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First Church, Anchorage, has set up a Board of Christian Education headed by the pastor, R. R. Armstrong and the director of Christian Education, Thelma Glenn, with representatives from each department and organization of the School and Church. Committees appointed for working of the Cabinet include the Faculty, Records, Finance, Curriculum, Publicity, Evangelism, Nurture, Recreation, Worship, and Building and Equipment.

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Word has come to the office of the Director of Christian Education of First Church, Anchorage that, "You have the distinction of being the first church in Alaska to place a standing order for the New Curriculum materials." Dr. Raymond Allston further states that, "You are to be congratulated on the progressive spirit indicated by the early action in adopting the New Curriculum and in the prompt placement of your order."

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Isabel Miller, executive of Haines House, took her vacation in Seattle the latter part of May, visiting with Ethel Brinegar in Tacoma, and attending meetings of the General Assembly in Seattle. Miss Miller returned the first week in June.

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Miriam Troutman of Juneau will spend part of her vacation as a summer worker in Haines House.

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Agnes Thlunault, laundry supervisor at Haines House will go to Anchorage in July for an eye examination.

Elizabeth Mosher, Territorial Child Welfare Consultant, visited Haines House April 27 to May 1 to make a study of the institution at the request of the Educational and Medical Unit of our Board for the information particularly of the Committee on Alaska. Haines House staff and children enjoyed her friendly visit, and the staff were glad to have this opportunity to consult with a trained social worker concerning problems of child care, and to share in this valuable assistance given by the Territory.

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Mrs. Olive Evans Duffy, girls' supervisor at Haines House, will spend her vacation in Northern Alaska and with her daughter who lives in Massachusetts.

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Andrew P. Johnson and Ralph Weeks filled the pulpit of the Sitka Church while Elwood Hunter was attending sessions of the General Assembly in Seattle.

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Cordova Church members and friends enjoyed the fellowship of a pot-luck supper on May 1. An impromptu program followed the meal.

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Carl C. DeMott was installed by the Presbytery of Yukon as pastor of the Cordova Church, on May 22

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Baccalaureate speakers in various high schools in Alaska included the Rev. R. R. Armstrong at Anchorage, the Rev. Carl DeMott at Cordova, the Rev. John Dodge at Skagway.

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Deacons Samson Nickerson and Richard Carle rounded up the men to reshingle the Klawock Church while their pastor was at Presbytery. The women of the Women's Missionary Society served meals and lunches to the men every day, while the boys and girls of the Junior C. E. group cut brush and burned shingles and debris. Repairs to the manse include bathroom lined, linoleum on bath and kitchen, floors in two rooms repainted, new light fixtures in two rooms, woodwork painted in two rooms. Domis Villa has been fencing and making a garden on the manse lot.

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Skagway Church has ordered a Hammond electric organ. An organ committee has been working hard toward raising the necessary funds to pay for it. The committee includes Roy Eagle, chairman, William Dewar, George Villesvik, Max Steffen, and Walter Self.

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Eight new members were received into the Skagway Church on Easter Sunday.

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Trustees of the Skagway Church have authorized the painting of the church as soon as sufficient paint is available. The work will be done by sprayer during the evenings. Volunteers are constructing scaffolding and painting windows and trim. M. E. Rogers is constructing new steps for the two entrances.

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Isabel Miller, executive of Haines House, showed colored slides of Haines and Haines House to the Thursday evening group of the Skagway Church

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On Friday, May 7, 39 members of the Haines Church gathered for a pot-luck supper at the recreation hall at Haines House. In the fellowship hour the 22 members who have joined the Church since April 1, 1947 were honored. Dorothy Callecod then introduced the materials of the New Curriculum which Haines Church plans to put in use October 1.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served at the Metlakatla Church on May 22 to honor the men of the Church who had landscaped the Church property and to welcome 20 Metlakatla young people home from the Sheldon Jackson School. Also guests at the dinner were members of the Sheldon Jackson choir, Geraldine Beam, Gladys Whitmore, Fern Gabel, James Robinson, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Soboleff, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wanamaker, George Everest, and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hope. Henry Littlefield was the toastmaster, and speeches were made by Mrs. David Leask, president of the Women's Missionary Society, ex-Mayor H. J Murchison, Gladys Whitmore, James Robinson, Geraldine Beam, Andrew Hope.

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Elders of the Metlakatla Church took charge of services while their minister was at Presbytery and while he was confined to the Ketchikan General Hospital while recuperating from an operation. Volunteers supplied the places of five Sunday School teachers while they were at Kake.

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Men of the Metlakatla Church gave the Church grounds a new look when they undertook and carried out a grading project. All the land around the Church was graded by a tractor, and then worked over by the men with shovel and rake. The ground is now ready for the grass-seed as soon as it arrives.

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Fairbanks Church is completing a remodeling program which includes a new kitchen with dining room space in the basement under Young Memorial Hall. A new entrance with central stairway opens from Seventh Street which gives direct passage to the basement, the Church sanctuary, and Young Memorial Hall.

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Two nights a month have been set aside as "Hobby Night" with folks working in shellcraft, leather work, gimp braiding and photography in the active Fairbanks Church. The program is open to folks of all ages. Instructors include Mrs. N. Harry Champlin, Margaret Montgomery, and Mrs. Elsie B. Montgomery.

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Every once in a while, the Church at Wales is forced to be without a pastor for several Sundays in succession. There is no chance for a "fill-in" from another Church or village. In such a time the loyal ruling elders take the helm in filling the need. In April, the Rev. Percy Ipalook attended a meeting of Presbytery at Palmer. This is the first time in history that an Eskimo (or an Arctic) Church had an official representative in such a gathering. Thornton Memorial Church at Wales had the honor of initiating such gatherings-to-be in the future. In the past it would have taken a man off his field too long to attend Presbytery — but now with air transportation everywhere, one representative from the Arctic Churches will be brought to the annual meeting of Yukon Presbytery. Only one will be brought each time because of the cost. $245 round trip from Wales to Palmer.

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Fairbanks has been battling high waters. First surface water from melting snow flooded the Church basement with 10 inches initiating new cabinet work in the new kitchen. Now the Chena is so high it is backing up thru the sewer. By using an electric pump, the Fairbanks Church is keeping it from flooding again.

SUMMER CONFERENCE

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should be given to these young people on the Sundays before they leave for conference.

King's Lake Junior and Senior High Camp will start June 25 and will continue through July 3. Elizabeth Howell will play a prominent part. Classes for Senior High campers will include: "Training for Christian Discipleship," "Knowing Your Church," "Choosing Your Vocation, "Making a Home Christian,' and "Great Missionary Personalities."

On July 4, Church families from the First Church in Anchorage will gather for a week-end excursion to King's Lake.

The first Work and Study Conference will be held at the new conference grounds near Haines July 23 to August 16. As the "Princeton-Hall" takes the Caravan teams to their last appointment, it will transport those who wish to participate to Haines. Arrangements have been made with Haines House so that the men may bring their families and live on a cooperative basis. The camp grounds near Haines is an Alaskan project still without a name. It needs financial help. So far all work has been done by volunteer labor. The panels are on the beach waiting action. The Junior High conference depends upon the successful completion of enough buildings to provide cover for it. There are some things volunteer help cannot supply, such as new roofing, cement, services of a professional surveyor, pipe, furniture, dishes, stoves, and a hundred and one other items. Isabel Miller, executive of Haines House, is treasurer of the project, and will be glad to receive from all interested parties any contributions for the development of the summer camp grounds.

Another first this summer will be the Junior High Camp at the new conference grounds at Haines, August 16-23. This first camp will be limited in enrollment to 40 campers. This will average two Junior Highs from each church. Pastors are requested to notify the director, the Rev. John Dodge, Skagway, Alaska, as to whether or not they will send two delegates. Only those who will enter the eighth grade or the first year of high school this fall will be eligible. In addition to those who will come by boat from southeastern Alaska, four or five campers are expected to come by car from Yukon Presbytery.

Morning classes will include: "The Life of Jesus" taught by the Rev. Raymond Spivey, Petersburg; "What Shall I do With My Life?" taught by Mrs. Spivey, and the four Westminster Fellowship emphases by the Rev. Elwood Hunter, the Rsv. and Mrs. Ross Cleeland, and the Rev. Edward Freeman. Mr. Freeman will also have the morning music hour. The afternoon program will include rest, hobbies or handicraft, and recreation. The campfire vesper services will be led by the Rev. John Dodge.

The Rev. Percy Ipalook, pastor of the Thornton Memorial Church at Wales, is running for the Territorial Legislature this year and polled the greatest number of votes in the primaries of any candidate in the Second Division.

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On March 16, Mrs. Virginia Inman and the Rev. E. D. Freeman were honored on their birthday with a party by members and friends of the Ketchikan Church Many gifts were received by both. Included in Mr. Freeman's gifts was a new Bulova wrist watch.

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Work Conference Turn Dream to Reality

When the men of Presbytery began to talk about a conference grounds at the fall meeting in 1947 they little realized the task they were setting themselves. Nor did they realize how abundantly God would bless the project. There was vague talk of a junior high camp in the summer of 1948 but no real hope of seeing it so soon. However, Presbytery accepted with thanks the fifty acres of land near Haines which was offered by the Rev. E. E. Bromley. It also accepted the barracks buildings at Skagway which had been offered to the Rev. Paul Prouty and the Rev. Walter Soboleff.

After Presbytery the buildings were dismantled with the volunteer help of men from Haines and Skagway with the crew of the "Princeton-Hall." There the matter rested for the winter.

Talk was more enthusiastic at the Spring meeting of 1948. Tentative plans were made for a work and study conference to erect the prefabricated buildings on the camp site. Isabel Miller of Haines House was selected treasurer for the camp grounds. Miss Miller also offered the use of the Haines House Recreation Hall for the Work Conference. An enthusiastic Presbyterial gave liberally toward the camp.

But the barracks and materials were still in Skagway and could not be loaded on the deck of the "Princeton-Hall." After Presbytery a raft was loaded, volunteer crews made up, and the work of transportation began.

In spite of some rough weather and inexperience in rafting operations, five raftloads of sections were towed safely to the grounds by the "Princeton-Hall." Boys from Haines and Klukwan were a great help on this project. Our Lord so protected that no one was injured and not a piece of lumber was lost.

The next step was a survey of the tract of land. This sounds simple but entailed much hard work on the part of the Rev. Kenneth F. Fox and others of Haines. Mr. Fox received a cut by his ax during this job but no permanent damage was done.

Early in July, Fox and Dodge cleared land for the first cabin. The Fox family helped often and the ladies of Haines House on their days off. Cement foundation pillars for the first cabin slowly took shape. A tractor loaned by Mr. McRae, a neighboring homesteader, was a great help throughout the work conference.

Then on July 16 the work took a forward spurt as the main body of the Work and Study conference arrived. The "Princeton-Hall" brought the B. Ross Cleeland family of Klawock; the E. D. Freeman family of Ketchikan; Mrs. A. E. Gall and sons, Charles and Norman, of Hydaburg; Mrs. Edith Workman of Wickenberg, Arizona; Fred Stringer of Oakland, California; and Caravaners Richard Nelson of Marquette, Michigan, Elnora Baker of Decatur, Illinois, and Eunice Blanchard of Dayton, Ohio. After get-

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Haines House Plans Projects

New children at Haines House this fall are Edna, Matthew, and Dennis Brown from Kake and Nettie and Marian McLeod from Ketchikan. Dorothy Wickstrom came back to Haines House after spending two years in a sanitorium. George and William Guthrie have gone to live with relatives in Metlakatla. Joseph Charles spent the summer fishing with his uncle, Cecil Nix of Hydaburg, and has entered Sheldon Jackson this fall. Mabel Wickstrom worked in the home of Sgt. Blinn during the summer and has also entered Sheldon Jackson. The three Charles sisters earned money this summer for a bicycle which they are enjoying. Four Haines House children attended the Junior Hi Camp, and two were able to go to the Young People's conference at Sitka. Everyone except the very youngest went camping sometime during the summer.

Mrs. Olive Duffy spent her vacation in Oakland, California with her daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Freeman, who drove her back to Haines at the end of her vacation. Mr. Freeman is a pastor of a Methodist church and Mrs. Duffy made three talks on Haines House to the Methodists.

Emma Stauffer's vacation trip included a bus ride to Fairbanks and plane trips to Kotzebue and Nome on her way to pay a short visit at Wales where she worked for ten years. On the return trip, she visited Anchorage and Seward, where she saw friends at the sanitorium and where she had a chance to visit the Jessie Lee Home in which the Methodist Church is caring for 104 children at present. After Anchorage, she visited Juneau and Ketchikan, coming back to Haines in time for the dedication of the new camp grounds on August 22. The balance of the month she spent camping at 33 Mile on the Young's homestead.

Cora Mae Atkinson has resigned as boys' supervisor, and is spending her vacation in Pasadena where she may try to find work for the winter.

Edith Auldridge spent her vacation at the new summer conference grounds.

Miriam Troutman of Juneau was a summer worker at Haines House, and Ruth Katzeek has joined the staff.

The institutional size washer which Haines House has been trying to secure for more than two years is finally in operation in the basement, having started its career on Labor Day. Except

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Bingle Busy On Highway, Railroad

Summer activities along the Alaska highway and railroad are now at a close. The first snowstorm and hard freeze for the winter came in August this year. Besides the regular services along railroad and highway, the Rev. Bert J. Bingle assisted in summer camps at King's Lake and at Harding Lake. Railroad and highway young people attended the camp at Harding Lake, conducted by the Rev. N. Harry Champlin for young people in the Fairbanks area.

The rail-belt has been a very busy place the last few months. Much road work was accomplished and new rails were laid, making it possible for more trains to travel between Seward and Fairbanks. Quite a number of people work at the junction at Healy. Bingle attempted to minister to these people at least once every four weeks. The coal mine at Suntrana is working at a good pace and the family response at the mine to the ministry of the industrial missionary is very good. The strip mine above Suntrana on Healy River is also very busy, and the missionary ministers to many families there. It is hoped that the new project for the creation of synthetic gasoline will be located in this area.

Many things of interest took place along the highway this summer. At Northway, the missionary conducted three outdoor picnics for the children. Outdoor services were held twice, games were played and the usual hot dogs and marshmallow roast. About 15 children are in the Northway area, which is developing a fine community spirit. It is one of the larger C.A.A. and A.C.S. repeater establishments of the Territory.

Since June 1, Bingle has been the auxiliary chaplain for the Big Delta Army post. There is both an army and a navy unit here, and Bingle will act as chaplain until a regular chaplain arrives.

At Tok Junction a lot was bought to build a church. Some of the parishoners are getting logs to build a new chapel.

The missionary took a two weeks vacation in Southeastern Alaska, visiting Sheldon Jackson Junior College, Haines House, and the ministers at Sitka, Haines, and Juneau. He also enjoyed a trip on the "Princeton-Hall." Altho Mr. Bingle has been in Alaska for twenty years, this is his first visit to S. E. Alaska.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TURN-OVER

Fairbanks Sunday School staff is slowly growing as new teachers take positions left vacant Ed Johnson, a new-comer to Fairbanks, has taken the class for 9 and 10 year old boys. Mr. Johnson has had experience with Cub and Boy Scouts and hopes to organize a Cub Scout outfit among the boys of his class. Mrs. Alen Williams is the new Primary Dept. superintendent, and is assistanted by Mrs. Pat Rogge, Mrs. Betty Winfree, and Mrs. Carlotta Patton.

Rosa Page Welch On Alaska Good-Will Tour

Rosa Page Welch, noted Negro soprano, will tour Alaska, under the sponsorship of Alaska Presbytery, beginning October 27.

Mrs. Welch will give concerts at Metlakatla on October 28; Ketchikan, October 29; Wrangell, November 1, Juneau, November 3; Sitka, November 5; Haines, November 8; and Skagway, November 10. Mrs. Welch may give a concert in Anchorage on November 12. She has friends in Anchorage who have been urging her to come there for a concert.

Mrs. Welch, who resides in Chicago, is in popular demand by church groups not only as a soloist, but also as a song leader, because she is highly skilled in leading group singing of Negro spirituals. Several Alaskans heard her at the national meeting of Presbyterian Women at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1946. In August of this year, she was the song leader for the national meeting of the United Christian Youth Movement, also held at Grand Rapids. Following her tour of Alaska, Mrs. Welch will be song leader for the national meeting of the United Council of Church Women, beginning on November 14 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rosa Page Welch, who has used her glorious gift of music to improve inter-racial relations, has been acclaimed throughout the United States as an outstanding artist, an "ambassador of good-will," the "Marian Anderson of the Disciples of Christ."

Few singers have her ability to sway their audiences and leave a benediction on all. Rarely does one find a combination of musical talent and spiritual insight such as Rosa Page Welch possesses.

Critics have praised the "delicate timbre of her voice;" her interpretations of both sacred and formal music are unsurpassed, yet most impressive is her ability to impart to her listeners her deep spirituality. This is most marked in her moving interpretations of the Negro spirituals, which she sings without accompaniment.

In her work as "ambassador of goodwill" in inter-racial relations, Mrs. Welch has sung before youth groups and adults throughout the land. She has conducted courses in inter-racial understanding at inter-group and inter-denominational conferences of young people and has contributed greatly toward improved race relations wherever she has been heard.

Mrs. Welch, who studied with Alexander Nakutin at Kimball Hall in Chicago and with B. Fred Wise, eminent teacher at the American Conservatory of Music, has also done special work in religious education at the University of Chicago. She has appeared in recitals in Chicago loop and has been acclaimed by critics of the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Daily News for the "delicate timbre" of her naturally beautiful mezzo-soprano voice.

The singer, a native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, was graduated from the Southern Christian Institute, a mission school of the Disciples of Christ at Edwards,

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W. F. Organized Presbytery Wide

Westminster Fellowship has been organized upon a Presbytery-wide basis in both Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries this summer.

Betty Yaw of Sitka is the moderator of Alaska Presbytery Westminster Fellowship, and Judy Greimann of Fairbanks is the moderator of Yukon Presbytery Westminster Fellowship.

Other Alaska Presbytery Westminster Fellowship officers include: Ronald Johnson of Sheldon Jackson Junior College, vice-moderator; Mary Baines of Metlakatla, stated clerk-treasurer; Myrna Howser of Haines, Faith and Life; Mitchell Martin of Kake, Fellowship; Ann Henning of Juneau Northern Light Church, Stewardship; Edwin Baronovich of Hydaburg, Outreach.

Other Yukon Presbytery Westminster Fellowship officers include: Edith May Puckett of Anchorage, vice-moderator; Vernon Friedly of Palmer, stated clerk; Frances Tonseth of Fairbanks, Faith and Life; Loyal Burkett of Fairbanks, Fellowship.

These officers will hold office until next summer at summer conference time.

1st J.-H. Conference In S. E. Alaska

While members of the Work Conference were still putting finishing touches on the camp grounds, the first campers arrived at Haines on the "Princeton-Hall." They were loaded into cars with their bags and bedrolls and driven with the Haines campers over the eight miles of hills and curves to the camp grounds. Included in the first groups were Richard Harris from Petersburg; Alberta Barlow, Norma Cook, Audrey Feero, and Roy Peratrovich from Juneau; Eleanor Eide, Roy Fox, Nolan Solomon, Dorothy Wickstrom, and Benny Williams from Haines.

The "Princeton-Hall" went on to Skagway to bring Phillip Eagle, Ralph Dell, Wallace Logan, and Eugene Van Zantan. John Gruber of Prairie-du-Sac, Wisconsin arrived later in the evening. These fifteen campers made history on August 17, 1948, they became the first Junior High Camp of Southeastern Alaska and the first group to use the new camp grounds.

The leaders were already on the grounds, and included Isabel Miller, kitchen and dining hall supervisor; Katherine Holder, handicraft; Laurence Knott,

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WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

"This do in Remembrace of Me."

Once again the followers of Christ around the entire world prepare to fellowship together around the Lord's Table. Together they echo the words of the hymn:

"Standing in the living present
Memory and hope between,
Lord, we would with deep thanksgiving
Praise Thee most for things unseen."

We must pause to consider the things unseen—for the **things seen** often loom too large. In this year of our Lord, 1948, we see nations once more arming themselves for conflict. We see our young men once again marching off to army camps. We see strife between differing racial, social and economic groups. We see human greed and selfishness. We see sin in all its forms. We see the liquor traffic gaining a hold on more and more people. We see half empty churches and indifferent church members. These many things seen distress and discourage us.

Then we come to the Communion Table for the experience of things unseen. There we meet with our unseen but ever present Saviour, Jesus Christ. There we remember the Cross and feel anew the tremendous importance of the sacrifice made upon it. There we receive forgiveness of sin for ourselves and a message of forgiveness for all men. There we are filled anew with the power of the Holy Spirit. There we commit our lives to the Prince of Peace. At His table we experience the vitality and power of Christ's Church.

We become joined in spirit with millions of other Christians throughout the world. Then we shall be no longer lonely and discouraged nor overwhelmed by present things. We have the presence of our Lord Jesus, the power of His Spirit, and communion with all His people.

Therefore, let us come to World wide Commuion to receive this renewing of Spirit. We shall go forth empowered to live victorious lives as we thank God "for things unseen."

—John K. Dodge.

OTHERS MAY—YOU CANNOT

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants you to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words or feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.—G. D. Watson.

Out of The Mixing Bowl

Musings of a Minister's Wife

"PAID IN FULL"

"Here's a nickle," said Jon, thrusting out a grimy hand toward Mommie who was washing dishes. "And what's it for, son?" she asked, knowing well enough the problem he faced.

"Well . . well, it's for that candy bar Jane and I took last night when we were doing dishes . . . I'm paying for it," he added a bit defiantly.

"But Jon, that's not the point. It isn't the cost of the candy bar that matters to Mommie and Daddy; it's that you took it without asking. And paying the nickel won't change the fact that you took it. That's what made us feel so bad.

"We've forgiven you, but not because of your paying for it. And you see, Jon, it was that sort of thing which sent the Lord to the cross for us. We couldn't pay for the wrong we've done . . . and so He paid.

"And another thing, Jon. He not only paid for the taking of the candy bar, but He died to cleanse us from the sin in our hearts that even made us think of doing such a thing. He forgives — and He cleanses our hearts.

"Daddy and Mommie can forgive you for taking the candy, but we can't do a thing about the sin in your heart. Have you asked the Lord to forgive you and to make your heart clean, Jon?"

His eyes filled; he nodded his head and turned to go up the back stairs. Mommie noted with thankfulness that the nickle was slipped into his pocket. "Lord make it real to his heart that he can't pay for his own sin, and oh, help him to see what it cost Thee to pay for it!"

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Mommie was looking over the report cards before signing them for the children to take back to school. Jane, the fourth-grader; Jon, the third-grader; Joe, the second-grader, and Becky, the kindergartener, were standing by to hear what she would say.

"Joe, it says here on your report card that you talk too much and disturb others. What about it, son? What does your teacher do when that happens?"

Studying the toe of his shoe, he answered, "Well . . . she makes me write my name a hundred times . . . "

"Does that happen very often Joe?"

"No," he answered.

"And do you have to stay in at recess when it does, Joey?"

His face lighted up, and he answered eagerly, "No, Mommie! You see, I do it this way. You see, I have extra time while the other kids are reading, and so I write my name a hundred times and keep it in my desk. And then when the teacher tells me to write my name a hundred times I take it right up to her!"

Mommie bit down hard, swallowed, and then asked, "And what does Mrs. Varnson say?"

"Oh, she says, 'thank you, Joe'," he answered.

Mommie signed the report card without further comment.

After the children had gone back to school and the twins Annette and Taddie were down for their naps, Mommie sat by the fire to finish her tea. Smiling to herself, she thought of Joe's plan of settling for sins before committing them. The incident was funny, but the basic fact wasn't. In no sense could Joe's little scheme settle the score against him.

"No," thought Mommie, "there is nothing we can do before or after that takes care of our sin. Only the Lord could do it . . . and He did, there at the Cross."

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), and "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

"And it was because He loved us," thought Mommie, rocking away. "What a wonderful Saviour!" " For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." — Doris Coffin Aldrich.

What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article VII. Of Election

"We believe that God, from the beginning, in His own good pleasure, gave to His Son a people, an innumerable multitude, chosen in Christ unto holiness, service, and salvation; we believe that all who come to years of discretion can receive this salvation only through faith and repentance; and we believe that all who die in infancy and all others given by the Father to the Son who are beyond the reach of the outward means of grace, are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who works when and where and how He pleases."

Suggested Scripture readings: Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 24:1-35; John 17; Ephesians 1:3-14; II Thessalonians 2:13-14; II Timothy 1:9; I Peter 1:1-9; Romans 9; II Peter 1:1-11; Isaiah 65:1-12.

The doctrine of election holds many pitfalls for those who would seek to make it reasonable and logical from our human point of view. It is well then that it is considered after the doctrine of God, which teaches us that there is an infinite, qualitative, unchangeable difference between God and man, that God is sovereign, and man dependent upon Him, and after considering the means of salvation by grace as Paul has done.(1) In faith then, we study, reason about, and seek light upon the doctrine of election, but we do not question what God has so clearly revealed. And for our present purpose we follow the lead of Paul, who ". . . returned again and again to this teaching in order to find comfort and courage."(2)

As those, then, who have accepted the love of God as manifested in the amazing grace He has offered us through His Son, let us approach this discussion of election.

This doctrine is a fountain of rich comfort for believing Christians. It has for its object each and every person who is saved by the blood of the Lamb. Whenever, then, the Scripture speaks of the elect we should think of all believers, and include ourselves among this number.

The word "back-slider" has come to be considered an Arminian term, and not in favor among Reformed groups. But we must also remember that the elect are those who receive the reward of faith, the salvation of their souls, while some who seem to lose the faith they once had, who have "back-slid," are not to be considered so.

"The election of grace means that God has chosen each and every person of the elect . . . and therefore us also, before the foundation of the world, unto Himself, for His own, and destined them for eternal glory; . . . Thus the election of God is the cause not only for our salvation, but also of our being called, converted, justified. Faith is the result of the election of God, and gives the believer the guarantee that he belongs to the elect and will finally obtain eternal glory. And therefore the doctrine of election . . . is full of comfort for the Christian."(3) (Thank God, He has chosen me!)

In thanksgiving, then, we remember that we have been called unto holiness and service, as well as salvation. We are elected to be ". . . perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,"(4) and that we "should go and bear fruit."(5)

We are also reminded in this article that we cannot limit the election of grace within any man-made specifications. God, in His unbounded love, has given His Son an innumerable multitude which most assuredly includes all who die in infancy, and many whom we might class as receiving grace by extraordinary methods. Jesus said, "The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know whence it comes or whither it goes; so it is with every one who is born of the Spirit."(6)

"I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love,
Redeemed me for His own.

"I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.

"I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.

"But I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I've committed
Unto Him against that day."

(7)—Fred Koschmann

(1) Romans 8. (2) Hugh T. Kerr, Sr., "A Manual of Faith and Life," pp. 45-46. (3) Paul E. Kretzmann, "Popular Commentary of the Bible," Vol. II, The New Testament, p. 47. (4) Matt. 5:48. (5) John 15:16b. (6) John 3:8. 7) Daniel W. Whittle, "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

"COME UNTO ME"

The light over the beautiful picture of Christ in the choir loft of the Fairbanks Church now burns continuously, thanks to one of the soldiers of the congregation who has been so impressed by it that he has made provision to keep the light burning 24 hours a day.

The picture "Come Unto Me" is an original in oils made by Klagstad Studios of Minneapolis and presented to the Church on March 17, 1946 by the Hering family in loving memory of Lt. Commander Walter Andrew Hering who was killed in action April 29, 1945 while serving in the Navy.

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"Rejoice in the Lord always."

Book Reviews

On Our Own Doorstep. By Frank S. Mead. Friendship Press.

On Our Own Doorstep was written primarily for the people of Contintental United States in an attempt to make them see vividly the problems of our missionaries in our territories and possessions.

Against a background of history and Christian concern, he has sketched a graphic introduction to the problems facing Hawaii, Alaska, Panama Canal Zone, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. To most of us, up until the last war, these places were just spots on the map, and since, they have become important in our minds only as military bases for protection of the United States.

Americans, champions of man's inborn right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, are quick to criticize more imperialistic govertments for their treatment of dependent peoples. Actually we have a poor case against these governments when we look at our territories and possessions. "What we need to understand is that those who live in our American outposts are no poor country cousins, but people who are a tremendous part of us, people served by our own governmental agencies, ministered unto by our own church missionaries, entitled to the same life, liberty, and happiness that we enjoy . . . Missions is folks. It is the hand of God, reaching. Here we see it reaching from pole to palm trees, serving like a golden cord to bind them all, however widely scattered, into one. For this is one world with one increasing purpose, one common destiny, for all."

Mr. Mead discusses each territory and possession, telling what missionaries have done and the problems now facing them. Liquor in Alaska and race prejudice in the Panama Canal Zone are the most glaring. The missionaries have done well—they planted the seed and the plant has grown. But much remains to be done, and it offers the church the challenge of its life. "It is a challenge all the more important because it is a challenge so close to us, because it lies in a field over which waves the Stars and Stripes. It is a problem peculiarly our own. If we accept the premise that the broad function of our faith is to build through that faith a more abundant life for all men, then there appears much that can be done in the field and in the church at home."

Mr. Mead lists and discusses five things that must be done: 1. There must come a change of attitude on the part of us at home, concerning our acceptance of the procedures of imperialism. 3. There must be built here a faith that deals with the whole of life, and not with a small part of it. 3. There must come a new unity of spirit and effort. 4. There must come an indigenous church. 5. There must be a more genuine acceptance of personal responsibility for the future here, with all of us.

Bringing these things about depends upon us as individuals. "It depends not upon George, but upon you . . . " It is either criminal carelessness or downright cowardice to send a missionary out and then forget him. In the years to come he will be fighting sin on a thousand fronts; he will be fighting liquor and tuberculosis in Alaska, the fight of the little man in Hawaii, illiteracy, hunger, misuse of land, and immorality in Puerto Rico, obeah in the Virgins, race prejudice in the Canal Zone. But he will fight against almost impossible odds unless we who sent him there fight with him. Not all of us can go to these people, "but all of us can do something; the Almighty has dropped at least one talent into each hand. It will take the hands of all of us, together."—Arabell Heard.

China is the subject of Foreign Missions study for 1948-49, and Dorothy Callecod of Haines House has written these brief sketches of mission study books for various groups.

Adults and Young Adults

China—Twilight or Dawn? By Frank W. Price. Friendship Press.

This is the basic study book for adults for 1948-49. A missionary statesman interprets China in relation to Asia and the world community. The author has not tried to write a detailed history nor complete report about China and the Chinese Church during the last ten years. The book is prepared for popular reading rather than for university reading and research libraries. There is an informality of style, and a reflection of Chinese friends that have enriched the life of the author, as we see their "thoughts and feelings, trials and aspirations, encouragement and love" woven into every page. The first four chapters deal chiefly with the political, conomic, social and cultural situation in China since the war, with international implications. In chapters five to eight the author has appraised the effect of the war upon the Chinese church and the new difficulties that confront the church and its leaders. One of these chapters is rich in an appreciative evaluation of Christian personalities.

Look Again at China, by Willis C. Lamott. Friendship Press.

This is a pictorial presentation with explanatory text of life in China, past and present, with an interpretation of Christian missions there. A better understanding of China is gotten when we look at her physical environment, people, history, and then see the possibilities of reconstruction. The author points out that Christian Chinese, though few in number, are custodians of the Gospel and have felt the power of new life, in spite of struggle and suffering, and they have learned to cooperate in many projects for taking the Gospel more deeply into the common life of the people. "The realization of the dream for Christian China may be far distant, and it can become reality to the extent and degree that western Christians assist, not only in monetary gifts, but an understanding and living example.

Christian Voices in China, by Chester S. Miao and others.—Friendship Press.

Outstanding Christian leaderers describe life and the church in China amid war havoc. Discussed realistically are such subjects as "The Christian Faith in China's Struggle," "Christianity in Communist Areas," "New Womanhood in Old China."

The Changing Scene in China, Gilbert Baker. Friendship Press.

An illuminating narrative revealing a deep understanding of many types of Chinese and their various characteristics.

Young People and Seniors

Rising Through the Dust, by Archie R. Crouch. Friendship Press.

An account of the Christian Church in China with incidents from the lives of outstanding Chinese Christians. The first chapter deals with Protestant Chinese who stand out above the human confusion as new creatures continuing the struggle to build a Christian faith into the life of the nation. Chapter two sketches briefly the history of missions there in very readable form, with stories of courage and endurance. In chapter three, we learn there are many Christians at work, through organizations, churches, schools, combined in rehabilitation projects. Chapter four, "Man the Hoe" uses an ancient phrase to symbolize the determination of the students to labor incessantly for full abundance of Chinese life available to all youth of China. The fifth chapter leads along the trails where we meet various classes and racial groups. The last chapter points out the Chinese contributions to the world church, and closes with examples of steadfast Christian personalities who have endured persecutions.

Fun and Festival from China, by Margaret G. Hummel. Friendship Press.

Material for use in planning recreational events for all ages, using the food, art, literature of China as the basis for the projects. Included are detailed suggestions for banquets, suppers, teas, with recipes, decorations, games, stories, songs. There is a fine arts program outlined and two China programs well worked out.

Cheng's Mother, by Irene Forsythe. Friendship Press.

A charmingly written true story of a Chinese woman who, because of her Christian consecration, brought happiness to her home and friends. Exquisitely bound and decorated.

Junior High School Groups

Tai-Lee's Precious Seed, by Mary I. Beck. Friendship Press.

A thrilling novel showing courageous young Chinese Christians helping to rebuild their country. Often these young students met opposition in religious, social and family life by introducing progressive ideas of farming, education and love for handicapped people. Tai-Lee carried a few precious seeds of rice and left them with farmer friends, with new ideas of cultivation. Likewise he carried the seeds of the Christian way, dropping into the minds and hearts of those he contacted bringing life and joy to the hill people that needed it so much.

Tales from China, by Alice H. Lewis. Friendship Press.

These six new stories about Chinese Christians with several shorts for good measure for all ages, show loyalty and bravery in dangerous and trying times. Illustrated with photographs.

A New China, by Viola S. Winn. Friendship Press.

An expanded course of 138 pages, including program plans, worship services, and other source material for leaders.

Juniors

Dike Against the Sea, by Mary Brewster Hollister. Friendship Press.

A swift moving story of a Christian Chinese family that lives in the rice country. It is a typical story of the struggles any Chinese community has for enough to eat. The author, daughter of pioneer missionaries, tells how a Christian orphange supported by the Church has shared "more abundant life" not only with children it has served and trained, but with whole village communities. Concern for human need led the missionary to build a dike that enabled fertile fields to be reclaimed for use. A typhoon and tidal wave destroyed the dike. The villagers walked weary miles for help, waiting months for an answer which you may discover by reading the book.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on China, by Ada W. Smith. Friendship Press.

Prepared to help teach "Dike Against the Sea."

Primary Children

The Watch-Goat Boy, by Gertrude Jenness Rinden. Friendship Press.

Johnny, son of a missionary family in China, becomes friendly with Lao-hu, the watch-goat boy, and through the friendship both of them make interesting discoveries.

A Primary Teacher's Guide on China, by Meta R. Lindsay. Friendship Prtss.

Prepared to help teach "The Watch-Goat Boy."

Caravan Describes Summer in Alaska

By THE CARAVANERS

It was a cold day on June 16 that the first Alaska caravan met around the big table in the junior college room at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Five had traveled from the States: Elnora Baker from Decatur, Illinois; Mary Ellen Frazier, Frazeysburg, Ohio; Jerry Elliott, Amarillo, Texas; Richard Nelson, Marquette, Michigan; and Eunice Blanchard, Dayton, Ohio. The other four were from Alaska. There was Helen Hartman from Haines; Freda Carlson from Craig, a student at Sheldon Jackson; Minnette Williams from Ketchikan; and George Everest from Juneau, who was first mate on the "Princeton-Hall."

Elizabeth (Liz) Howell from the Board of National Missions was the lively, energetic director during the period of training. Under her expert guidance and the able assistance of Mrs. Helen D. Hatch, Gladys Whitmore, and Roland Wurster, all members of the faculty at Sheldon Jackson, the caravaners weathered their week of intensive training. On June 23 two teams set out for their work in the field.

Team 1 was headed by Jerry Elliott. Mary Ellen Frazier, Helen Hartman, Fred Carlson, and George Everest made up the rest of the team. Their first week was spent in Klawock in the Rev. B. Ross Cleeland's church. From there they traveled south to Ketchikan where the Rev. Edward D. Freeman is pastor. The Rev. Raymond B. Spivey's church in Petersburg was their third assignment. The final week was spent working with the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff in the Memorial church in Juneau.

Team 2, composed of Richard Nelson, leader, Elnora Baker, Minnette Williams, Eunice Blanchard, began their work in the Rev. Elwood B. Hunter's church in Sitka. The next week was spent with Robert Hampel, a student pastor from San Francisco Seminary, in the church in Craig. The last two weeks were spent in Haines with the Rev. Kenneth F. Fox.

Daily Vacation Bible School or a story hour was an important element in the caravan schedule in every church. The second team held a Vacation Bible School for fourteen children at about thirty young people from the church in Ketchikan, presented Westminster Fellowship in a highly successful meeting. Now that youth work is organized on a Presbytery-wide basis, a clear understanding of the meaning and value of the pro- the cannery five miles from the town of Haines. Bible school programs not only included worship, study, singing, and memory work, but also hand work and games.

Caravans attempted to put Westminster Fellowship into operation, or, at least, to help people become more familiar with its organization. At Metlakatla, the first team, with the help of gram of Westminster Fellowship is very important.

Team 1 did home visitation evangelism work with young people at Ketchikan. They also helped the local young people in cataloging the church library.

A valuable part of caravan service is participation in work projects. The fellows in the first team put in a kitchen sink at Klawock, and shingled the roof of the manse in Petersburg, while the girls cleaned the recreation rooms above the church. At Haines both boys and girls went to work beside the ministers from all parts of the Presbytery in preparing summer conference grounds. They cleared land, put up cabins, and laid foundations for the camp buildings.

Round-up time in Juneau came on July 29-31. Hours of disqussion were held in the Northern Light church where they were well cared for and entertained. Serious efforts were made to evaluate their work. The round-up came to an end in time for everyone to attend the wedding of one of the caravaners, George Everest, to Joyce Funkhouser. And so ended the first Alaska caravan! Each caravaner went home with happy memories of the many friends they made this summer, and grateful for every opportunity for service. Their prayers will ever follow churches of Alaska Presbytery and other teams which will one day work in Alaska.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Elder George Demmert, who is director of the Klawock choir, had a stroke two weeks before Easter, but his sons Lawrence and Arthur carried on, so that the choir was able to sing their cantata on Easter Sunday even though the director was in the hospital in Ketchikan. Shortly after Easter he was able to return and the first Sunday after Presbytery, the choir repeated the cantata for the benefit of Mr. Demmert. Mrs. Mary Demmert was the guest soloist.

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Mrs. Oliver Hallman was in charge of arrangements for special music during the summer months at the Sitka Church.

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Mrs. Elsie B. Montgomery, the efficient organist of the Fairbanks church has begun to develop and train and junior choir. The choir made its first public appearance at the morning worship service of May 23.

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Stainer's "Crucifixion" was sung on Easter Sunday morning at the Northern Light Church in Juneau. George B. Schmidt was the director and tenor soloist; Carol Beery Davis, organist; Wilda Faunce Husted, pianist; Raymond L. Graff, bass soloist.

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The Ladd Field Chapel Choir gave a musical program in the Fairbanks Church on Sunday evening, May 2. The program was sponsored by the Mariners' Club and the offering went to the Organ Fund.

Women's Activities

The Women's Missionary Society of the Metlakatla Church had a picnic meeting in July.

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$160 was cleared at a flower sale held June 9 by the Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church. Success of the sale is attributed mainly to the large number of very nice plants donated. In charge of the sale were Mesdames H. G. Hughes, Arch Fleming, Arnold Anderson, Squire Bolton, and Willard Ross.

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The Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church decided to buy new chairs and other supplies for the Primary Department of the Sunday School at their business meeting on June 7. They also presented Dorothy Nichols with a nugget lapel pin as a "going away" gift. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Betty Winfree and Mrs. Betty Champlin.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church held a rummage sale on Saturday, August 21. Mrs. Leo Rogge was in charge of the sale.

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The Alaska Presbyterial Society hopes to have a committee of officers visit the various Southeastern Alaska towns as soon as the M.S. "Princeton-Hall" is available and people have returned to their homes. Each Society voted to contribute 50c per member toward the expenses of this cruise.

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The Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met at the home of Mrs. Willis R. Booth, September 3, with Mrs. Sam Troutman as co-hostess. Mrs. Roland Burrows led the devotions. Mrs. Wilda Faunce Husted, president, directed the group in their plans for the final church quarter.

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The World Service Circle of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met September 10 at the home of Mrs. Roland Burrows with the executive committee as hostesses. A missionary film on Puerto Rico was shown. Mrs. W. B. Heisel sang.

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A Goodie Sale sponsored by the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau was held on September 18. Mrs. R. B. Burrows was in charge of the sale.

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The Women's Auxiliary of the Skagway Church held their August meeting at the Rasmussen home. Twenty-six ladies were present and helped cut and sew the little 'sock.' The strawberry shortcake will long be remembered.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Cordova Church have purchased a Hot Point refrigerator for the manse, and some plastic dishes for the Church kitchen.

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"The Friendly Aid" of the Anchorage First Church has changed its name to the "Women's Organization of the First Presbyterian Church." By the adoption of this name it ties them in with over 7000 women's organizations ready to undergird the progress of the Church as it moves across the world.

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The Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau held their annual picnic on June 4 at the Glenn Oakes' cabin on Lena Beach. Mrs. Hugh Antrim was in charge of the menu.

On July 23, members of the Bethany Bible Class of the Fairbanks Church had a farewell party for Mrs. Arnold Anderson at the B. J. Bingle residence in College.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Fairbanks Church held their annual picnic at Harding Lake on July 21.

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The Martha Society of the Northern Light Church held a social meting on the evening of September 17. A dessert luncheon was served by Mesdames Hugh Antrim, Ralph Wright, Clarence Warfield, and Henry Harris. A program of pictures and music was arranged by Mesdames Roland Burrows, Russell Alexander, George Prescott, and Don Burruss.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Faith Church in Anchorage bought a new piano for the church in June. It replaced a folding organ. The Rev. Fred Koschmann played and preached for a full year, but the first Sunday in September he gladly relinquished the piano bench to Mrs. Murray Olson, wife of the church treasurer.

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The Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church had a picnic on June 7 at the home of Mrs. Eleanor Rugg in College. Each member brought her own box lunch.

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Sitka Ladies' Aid continued to meet during the summer months, including some sewing meetings, a picnic at the dairy home of Mrs. Harold Rice, honoring Mrs. Rice's aunt who was a home guest. The group recently served luncheon to the American Legion convention at Sitka. $100 has been paid on the bond purchased by the Ladies' Aid for the new Sitka Community Center. Their national apportionment has been met, and they had a rummage sale on September 25.

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The Haines Missionary Society is building its year's program around the booklet, "A Single Purpose," with Dorothy Callecod as program chairman. This gives place for both of the current mission study topics of China and America's Geographical Frontiers. A rummage sale and church supper were held on October 1 for the purpose of buying equipment for the church kitchen.

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Saturday morning, August 21, saw all the bargain hunters in Fairbanks at the annual Ladies Aid Rummage Sale. Chairman Patricia Rogge reported that the material, greater in quantity than any previous year, sold quickly, and that so much new material was brought in during the day that the sale had to be continued until Wednesday, August 25.

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Mrs. Frank Williams, president of the Ketchikan Mary-Martha Guild, spoke on the work of the Presbyterial and outlined plans for the remaining quarter of the Church year, at the initial meeting of the fall quarter on September 30. Mesdames Frank Williams and George Inman were hostesses. The Guild decided to meet on Monday nights for sewing in addition to their devotional meetings on Thursday afternoons. A mission study will be instituted once a month.

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"He is the Rock, His work is perfect."—Deut. 32:4.

1st J-H CONFERENCE

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work and recreation supervisor; the Rev. E. D. Freeman, music and boys' supervisor; the Rev. R. B. Spivey, leader of the discovery group on "The Life of Jesus," Mrs. R. B. Spivey, leader of the discovery group on "What Shall I Do With My Life?" and girls' supervisor; and the Rev. John K. Dodge, camp director and campfire leader.

After the first meal and the fun of getting settled and acquainted, the group gathered in Bromley Hall for an orientation lecture. Following this the camp atmosphere was set by the first evening campfire in a lovely natural break in the rock of the Point. The theme of the camp, "Jesus Christ is Lord" was stated and emphasized.

The first full day of camp began with the campers going out on the grounds to a "beauty spot" of their own for private devotions. For some of the young people this was a new experience but they learned in this way to fellowship with God each day. On the last morning they went to say, "Good-bye," to their spot but not to the Lord who had become more real to them there.

Each day's work hour saw some improvement as road crew, Camp Beautiful crew, and kitchen crew labored together. The camp became truly theirs as they helped make it more beautiful and more comfortable.

In the Discovery Groups the campers grew in their knowledge of and acquaintance with Jesus Christ. They learned to think of their own future lives in the light of the will of God. Westminster Fellowship commissions studied the four phases of Westminster Fellowship and presented evening programs on the themes of Fellowship, Faith and Life, Stewardship, and Outreach.

The handicraft classes decorated camp stationery and made signs for camp buildings. The Bromley Hall sign made from a birch log will last for many years.

Recreation time was always welcome with swimming for the hardy and beach play for those who weren't polar bears. Group games, boxing, and hikes were also enjoyed. A picnic trip to a nearby island on the "Princeton-Hall" turned into a short cruise as the waves were too high to land the campers.

Dorothy Callecod added a touch of glamour and helped to introduce one of this year's mission study topics by preparing a Chinese dinner, complete with chop sticks, lichee nuts, ginger, fortune cookies, and green tea. Members of the Outreach Commission furnished the program.

Sunday's schedule included a trip to Skagway on the "Princeton-Hall" where the campers furnished the choir for the morning service. The Rev. E. D. Freeman preached on the camp theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord."

In spite of the heavy rain, a goodly number of Haines people came out to the camp on Sunday evening for the dedication services for the camp grounds. Among them were near neighbors, the Madsens and the Hustons, and tourists from Pennsylvania and Alberta. The service opened with a song service led by the Rev. E. D. Freeman, who also led the camp choir. Miss Miller gave a resume of Presbyterian work in the Haines area, Mrs. Martin Madsen brought greetings from a neighbor, the Rev. John K. Dodge gave a history of the camp, the Rev. Paul Prouty gave the dedicatory sermon, and the Rev. Raymond B. Spivey led in the formal dedication. An anti-climax to the service resulted when most of the cars had to be pushed up the slippery clay hill. This added to a roofing roll pulpit, kerosene lamps, barrel stove, and leaky roof made it a real camp experience which will long be remembered by those present.

Campers awoke on the last day with mingled feelings. They were glad to be going home but sorry to leave the camp and the friendships made there. They left with the resolve to be better Christians or to really know Christ. At the closing dedication service they were challenged to follow Christ. Another year will see an enlarged group enjoying the beauties of ocean, forest, mountain and glacier, as well as the blessing of Christian fellowship.

Music Notes

The Ketchikan choir is planing to sing a concert in Wrangell sometime this fall.

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David Brent-Stratton, evening organist at the Fairbanks Church left in August to atend Butler University.

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The Ketchikan choir is planning a series of artists' concerts to help raise funds for an organ.

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The Wrangell choir did not disband during the summer but rendered a magnificient ministry to the church every Sunday all summer.

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Baskets of reed and Chinese creton, useful for knitting, sewing, and baby accessories, were sold by members of the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church and the proceeds were contributed to the Organ Fund.

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Erma Rose Moyer, former director and soloist of the Fairbanks choir was honored at a farewell party, July 22 at the home of Hildegarde Olson and Lois Meier. About twenty-four choir members were present as Edith Hablitzle "branded" Erma for Fairbanks by presenting her with a nugget initial pin. Cake and coffee and Miss Olson's very excellent Alaskan slides completed the evening.

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Art Davies, director of the choir at Ladd Field Chapel, is the new director of the choir of the Fairbanks Church.

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Dorothy Nichols spoke on "The Use of Hymns in Worship" at the evening services of the Fairbanks Church on May 30. Several hymns were sung by the Eskimo choir.

A concert of sacred music by the Metlakatla choir gave the Easter message in a very effective way Easter Sunday night.

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A choir of twenty junior girls replaced the regular choir for Mother's Day in the Metlakatla Church.

FINANCIAL REPORT of Presbyterian Camp

RECEIPTS

Gifts from Churches in the States	$350.00
Individuals from the States	80.75
Individuals in Haines	75.00
Skagway Sunday School	75.00
Hydaburg Church	15.00
Presbyterial Society	60.19
Youth Budget-Haines	5.00
Young People's Conference at Sitka	22.00
Haines Missionary Society Seminar dinner	23.00
Haines Auxiliary gifts	8.00
Work Camp Musical Evening	17.10
Offering at Dedication	20.17
Primary Dept., Haines, for a bed	1.75
Transportation refunds	13.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$765.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Transportation of panels	$ 33.00
Survey costs	171.50
40 Beds	212.91
Hardware, kitchen utensils, roofing	283.23
Labor-Mr. Jamison	24.00
Tire and gas for Fox car	31.00
Stove	10.00
Balance on hand	.32
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$756.96

BILLS OUTSTANDING

Road construction	$46.00

Cash is also needed for cement, roofing, and lumber to build a leader's cabin this fall. Gifts will be very welcome, both money and equipment, such as pans, dishes, tools, etc.

ARTICLES DONATED

Prouty—Gasoline pump, pipe fittings, garbage can, saw.

Burrows—Heating stove.

Gall—Small heater.

War Surplus Administration—two large panel buildings.

Haines Church—5 picnic tables for dining hall.

Youth Budget—Haines — 50 plates, 20 cups and saucers.

Dewar Hardware Store, Skagway—pans and dishes.

Patterson, Skagway—Kitchen sink, odd dishes.

Stauffer—50 gal. water tank.

Skagway Church—benches.

Service of "Princeton-Hall," McRae's tractor and cables, Nelson's truck, Howser's truck, Fox's car, Dodge's car, George Everest's tools, Madsen's cables.

Isabel Miller
Business Manager

TO ROSA PAGE WELCH

She stood against the background of her race
A tall, slim, radiant form now set apart,
Her dark brown features were reflecting grace—
The inner light of an awakened heart—
There, as she stood, with flowers on her breast,
With shining eyes and lips touched with a smile.
It seemed that God had laid His hand to rest
Upon her spirit, blessing her the while.
And then she sang—and from her lips there came
The beauty she had struggled for so long.
Now her reward was burning like a flame
And those who listened marvelled at her song.
For here was one, who like a bird set free,
Lifted her voice in paeons of melody.

—Rose Clevenger

Westminster Fellowship

Sitka High School Westminster Fellowship held weekly skating parties on the Sheldon Jackson Junior College campus during the summer. Under the direction of Nancy McFarlane, the group is studying the four Westminster Fellowship commissions of Faith and Life, Stewardship, Outreach, and Fellowship,

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The Westminster Fellowship of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met in the social rooms of the church on September 12. Charles McClellan was in charge of refreshments. Ann Henning and Paula Cook hi-lighted the Westminster Fellowship Summer Conference at Sitka. A social hour followed.

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Each Sunday night a Fellowship Hour is held in the basement of the Fairbanks Church immediately following the Evening Worship service. Games, singing, snacks, and sometimes a movie or other entertainment are enjoyed.

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The summer's season of camping closed in the Anchorage area with a retreat for the Westminster Fellowship of the Young People's group at King's Lake over the Labor Day week-end. Thirty young people were in attendance with the full program in charge of the different commissions. A fitting climax was the candlelight communion service.

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Several visual slide programs, sponsored by the primary department of the Wrangell Church are on the schedule for this fall. L. M. Campbell and V. K. Williams will furnish the programs.

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Eight juniors and intermediates of the Cordova Church took a stand for the Lord Jesus Christ during their own service recently.

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The Skagway Sunday School recently staked a claim of $10 in mission work at Ningpo, China.

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Fifty Metlakatla young people have left the community this fall to go to school. This should mean a lot of benefit for the church of the future.

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New officers of the Junior High Westminster Fellowship of the First Church, Anchorage, are: Alva Lee Brown, president; Teddy Van Thiel, vice-president; Nancy Reherd, secretary-treasurer; Marilyn Atwood, Faith and Life; Merilyn Ferko, Stewardship; Ruth Brown, Outreach; David Bowman, Fellowship.

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New officers of the Senior High Westminster Fellowship of the First Church, Anchorage are: Teddy Jamison, president; Edith Mae Puckett, vice-president; Sonja Elkin, secretary-treasurer; Barbara Moore, Faith and Life; Carol Ann Harrison, Stewardship; Jeanne Fiedler, Outreach; Barbara Hilliker, Fellowship.

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New officers of the Young People's Westminster Fellowship of the First Church, Anchorage, are: Willie Ware, president; Kenneth Huxley, vice-president; Betty Mayfield, secretary-treasurer; Willie Ware, Faith and Life; Shirley Sutton, Stewardship; Victor Urban, Outreach; Joe Smith, Fellowship.

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The most popular feature of the Daily Vacation Bible School program of the Skagway Church was a puppet show on the "Unforgiving Servant."

The Primary Department of the Wrangell Church, under the leadership of Mrs. L. M. Campbell, continues to send boxes of clothing to a needy parish in England. Letters of gratitude from the recipients indicate comfort to the weary, happiness to the lonely, and heartening to the discouraged.

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The Philip Olson family left Skagway September 23. Mr. Olson has been a trustee and Sunday School treasurer, Mrs. Olson has been active in the Auxiliary, while Phyllis has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Sunday School and young people's activities.

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Elnora Baker, caravaner from Decatur, Illinois, remained in Juneau and is working at the Territorial Department of Health. She is superintendent of the Senior Department of the Northern Light Sunday School.

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The "Trailblazers," a Bible study group for the junior age children in the First Church, Anchorage, have been busy making scrap books for the native children in the hospitals of Phoenix, Arizona. Mrs. Lydia Woods, a missionary to the Indians whom they help to support, greatly appreciates the help they are able to render in this respect as many children have no means of amusement while hospitalized.

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Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sandilands of Africa are partially supported by the Sunday School of First Church, Anchorage. The Sandilands work among the lepers in the French Cameroun. They desire the prayers of Alaskans as they see African young people turn to Christ and yield to the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Fifty-five mothers and children attended the annual Sunday School picnic of the Cordova Church.

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Eighty Skagway people attended the annual Sunday School picnic which was held on the new summer conference grounds near Haines. The "Princeton-Hall" made two round trips to take all the picnicers to Haines where they were met by trucks in which they rode to the camp.

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Junior boys and girls from Anchorage, East Anchorage, and Palmer enjoyed a week at King's Lake. Adult leaders who assisted in this camp were the Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Armstrong, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Koschmann, the Rev. Fred Telecky, Thelma Glenn, Victor Urban, and senior counsellors. Courses on the Apostles' Creed, Old Testament Stories, and Flannelgraph were taught.

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The camp for junior and senior high school students at King's Lake, June 25 through July 2, was planned around the theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord." This camp was organized as a great youth organization. Committees on Recreation, Administration, Worship, and Fellowship were organized and the camp was conducted by the student council. Camp officials were: director, the Rev. R. R. Armstrong; dean of Senior camp, the Rev. Wyburn Skidmore; dean of Junior Hi camp, Thelma Glenn. Courses taught were Faith and Life, Know Your Church, Choosing My Vocation, Making the Home Christian, Great Missionary Personalities.

.. The Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church had a steak fry in the manse yard on June 8.

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On May 30, the junior high club of the Fairbanks Church held a weiner roast and marshmallow bake. Dorothy Nichols and Currie Peterson took pictures. After all the food was eaten, they went into the church for a worship service. The J.H. C. gave Miss Nichols a going away present. Mrs. N. H. Champlin is the new sponsor of the group.

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Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church drove to Eagle Summit on June 21 to see the midnight sun. They arrived at the Summit about 11:30 p.m., climbed around the hills some, enjoyed a short worship service led by the Rev. N. H. Champlin, and had a supper prepared on the spot by Salty Burkes.

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The annual Round-up at Harding Lake for the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church was held July 10 and 11. A campfire program was held on Saturday evening. They had their Java Club at the camp, a morning worship service at which the Rev. B. J. Bingle spoke. At 11:30 a.m. they listened to the KFAR broadcast of the church service from Fairbanks. After an afternoon of swimming, boating, etc., Shirley Tonseth led the Senior Young People's meeting. Following this there was a Vesper Service led by the Rev. N. H. Champlin, closing with communion.

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Betty and Harry Champlin were entertained at a birthday party on July 20 by the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church. Characters from the funnies were all over the place. Ping-pong, singing, monopoly, eats, and stunts were all on the program. The group presented the Champlins with a large, round mirror, and Jim Bingle, whose birthday was the same day, got his share of the glory. Someone named Jack made a really HOT hamburger special, and someone named George ate it! After Jim Rahn won at monopoly, the last of the lingerers went home.

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Sunday evening meetings of the Senior Young People's group of the Fairbanks Church during August were led by the various Commission chairmen. They studied a different Westminster Fellowship Commission each Sunday evening.

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Students home for the summer at Metlakatla organized a Westminster Fellowship group, for the younger young people of the community.

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The Christian Endeavor Society of the Metlakatla Church sponsored a Church picnic and invited the whole community. About 300 enjoyed the day at Hemlock Island in June.

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Metlakatla boys home from school for the summer did their bit in helping to beautify the church yard. A number of them helped the pastor, the Rev. A. D. Swogger, scatter grass seed on the church grounds which had been recently graded.

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The New Curriculum is not news in Alaska. Almost every Church in the Territory is introducing it this October and has already called briefing meetings for their teachers, who are making calls on the parents, and introducing the material to them.

It was a tight squeeze, but somehow, twenty-eight Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church managed to get in the Tonseth home on August 10 for an old-fashioned Taffy Pull. Shirley and Mrs. Tonseth cooked up several batches of molasses and white taffy in the kitchen with the assistance of Aileen, Marigold and others. In the living room Johnny Bridges and Dick Turner did vocal exercises at the piano, Marty tinkled the ivories and everybody sang. When the taffy was cool enough to pull, it was more than amusing to watch Bob and Willie ooze it through their fingers, while Henry added flour to his and claimed it was slightly less a failure than before the flour. However, some people knew how to do it, and Chaplain Ben and Judy pulled and pulled, producing some delicious taffy. Everyone helped themselves to the Smorgasbord of sandwich fixings, jello and punch. Exciting games of Monopoly and Pit were noisily engaged in by those who were fortunate enough to have chairs. The others seemed to enjoy talking, and Dave and Ray, in the kitchen, scrubbed the floor. The Tonseths are still eating taffy!

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The Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church had a Box Social on July 27. Inflation reached a new peak when Chaplain Ben Jackson paid $32 for the privilege of eating with Marigold Lund. Jim Bingle, getting into the bidding before his competitors realized how prices were going to rise, paid the lowest price—$10.95. There were nine girls present, the sale of their boxes brought a total of $170. For the men failing to get a box, dinner was served for $4.95 "and a song." The total receipts of the evening were $209.15. The social was a benefit to help pay the SYP pledge of $400 to the organ fund, of which $204 remained to be paid. They exceeded their goal and had a wonderful time. Betsy Jordan planned the entertainment.

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A Treasure Hunt was enjoyed by the Junior Hi Club of the Fairbanks Church on July 22. They were divided into two groups, the greens and the yellows. The greens came home first and won the treasure. Everyone enjoyed cake, cookies and sandwiches. Several games of hot ping-pong were played.

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Six Metlakatla young people home from school for the summer offered their services as teachers and officers in the Sunday School. They are Alma Nelson, Theo Allen, Lou Ann Johnson, Eleanor Haldane, Betty Leask, and Henry Fawcett, Jr.

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Two flat tires slightly hindered progress on a Caravan trip of members of the High School Fellowship of the Fairbanks Church, but "Change-em-quick" Bingle made the replacements in rapid order. Starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 14, the Caravaners spent that night at the Cathedral repeater station, had breakfast at Johnson River, and conducted the morning service at Northway. Joe Mercer took the responsive reading and Loyal Burkett the scripture lesson. Jeanne Williams choir, and the congregation responded whole-hearterly. Then into the car and off to Big Delta for another Church service, and then home again.

Geneva Fellowship

The Mariners' Club of the Fairbanks Church held a hamburger roast at their monthly meeting at the church May 25. Potato salad and marshmallows added to the enjoyment of the group. An exciting baseball game was played in the school yard with Mrs. Edgar Philleo doing an outstanding job of pitching. This was followed by a movie, "The Church Related College" shown by James Bingle. Children of the members enjoyed the slide in the church yard.

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The Couple Club of the Northern Light Church in Juneau had a covered-dish dinner at the Church on September 15. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Booth and Mr. and Mrs. Carlos W. Holland were in charge of the menu. An interesting social hour followed the dinner.

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On June 22, members of the Fairbanks' Church Mariners' Club enjoyed a "Ham Bake" social. After the social they held a short business meeting. They decided to go to Fox to see Denny Breaid's gold mine. Denny showed them all around and explained how everything operated. Some of the group explored some of the old cabins nearby, and all had great fun.

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A gold panning party was held by the Mariners' Club and the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church on July 20, at the YMCA "claim" near Cleary Summit.

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The Couple Club of the Northern Light Church in Juneau held their annual picnic on May 26 at the Auke Bay Recreational Grounds Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Warfield were in charge of transportation. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Starling and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Benedict, entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. Dean K. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Amsden, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Paul, Jr. were in charge of the menu.

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The Mariners' Club of the Fairbanks Church had a pot-luck dinner meeting, March 23. The room was decorated in spring colors and place cards carried the same motive Mrs. Lydia Fon Hanson, as guest speaker, brought a timely message on "Guiding the Pre-School Child."

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The Mariners' Club of the Fairbanks Church sponsors an organ recital once a month on Sunday evening, the offering going toward the Organ Fund. On March 7 Al Bramstedt, general manager of radio station KFAR, presented a "Smiling Thru" program. Among the poems he read, with organ background, was an unfinished one by S. Hall Young, the founder of the Fairbanks Church. The poem was found in Dr. Young's desk after his death. Other poems read by Bramstedt were the "Preacher's Vacation," "So Long as There Are Homes," "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" and "Little Boy Blue." Organist was Mrs. Elsie B. Montgomery, who also played several organ solos. They were: "Romance" by Rubenstein, "Serenade" by Schubert, and "Chanson Triste."

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Fairbanks Mariners' Club had a "Bury the Hatchet" party on February 24. A spaghetti dinner was prepared by Capt. Frank Ferrell and M/Sgt. and Mrs. Milton Wilkinson. Cherry pie and ice cream was an appropriate dessert. Eighteen couples attended the party.

New Life

My Heart I Give Thee, Lord
Eagerly and Sincerely

Dr. Raymond V. Kearns of Chicago, Associate Secretary of the New Life Movement, will be conducting New Life training classes in several Alaska churches between October 26 and November 20. Dr. Kearns will spend approximately two weeks in Alaska Presbytery, and one week in Yukon Presbytery. Chairmen of the New Life Committees in each Presbytery are outlining the itinerary for Dr. Kearns.

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It is inspiring to the members of the Metlakatla Church to see many of the young people who have been away to school bring New Life to the Church by helping with the Church music and Sunday school, and by their regular attendance at services while they are home for the summer, and in the stress of a busy work season.

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Shirley Tonseth, home at Fairbanks for the summer from her studies at the University of Oregon, filled the position of Director of Christian Education for the summer months.

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The Chapel by the Lake, Auke Bay, Alaska, is happy to have a full time minister and his family in charge. The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Telecky and two-and-a-half year old son arrived September 6, after spending the summer supplying the Palmer Church, while the Rev. and Mrs. Victor Alfsen were in the States on furlough. They drove to Alaska via the Alcan Highway.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Prescott arrived in Juneau on September 2, from Albuquerque, New Mexico where they have been at Menaul School for some years. Mr. Prescott will be maintenance man on the "Princeton-Hall" and they are at home at 814 Gold Belt Avenue, Juneau.

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The Rev. Paul Prouty, General Missionary in charge of the M.S. "Princeton-Hall," bade farewell to his family in August, who left for nine months in the States. Mrs. Prouty and her mother, Mrs. Anna Clitz, travelled by boat to Seattle and then by train to points in Montana. Willard Prouty drove over the highway to the States with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blanchard, who will attend Montana University. Willard will go to school in Great Falls, Mont. Fred Prouty left September 10 for Bozeman, Montana, where he will attend school.

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The Rev. Frank L. Rearich, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Clay Center, Kansas, preached at the Northern Light Presbyterian Church, during his visit to Alaska during the summer.

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Jerry Hindemith, a young student from Austin, Minnesota, who spent his second summer at the Libby's cannery in Klawock and who is planning on entering the ministry after he finishes college and seminary, took charge of the Sunday school and evening services in the Klawock Church while the Cleelands were vacationing in Haines this summer.

Bill Dewar, Walter Self, Max Steffen, Sam Skaff, and the Rev. John Dodge helped give the Skagway Church a new coat of white paint this summer.

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Because of weather conditions, the Rev. John K. Dodge was unable to get back to Skagway from Haines for Sunday services one Sunday. G. L. Dodge and F. D. Calkins conducted the service with the assistance of Phil Olsen, Roy Eagle, Mr. Rasmussen, and Mrs. Ann Briggs. The ladies trio, Mesdames Budd, Eagle, and Briggs, with Mrs. Stevenson assisting and accompanying sang two numbers which added greatly to the service. A girls' trio, Patricia Anderson, Leda Shelsby, and Shirley Moe sang "Fairest Lord Jesus."

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The Skagway church float which was designed as a lighthouse won second prize in the July 4th parade. The trailer was loaned by Mr. Shelters and was pulled by the Rasmussen car. Assisting with the float were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Skaff, Ralph Dell, Erick Selmar. Mrs. John O'Daniel did the lettering and the art work. Bill Burfield was the lighthouse keeper.

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Over half of Skagway's $854 benevolence quota for 1948 has been raised.

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Skagway Church enjoyed several guest speakers this summer, including Dr. John T. Faris of Nashville, Tennessee, the Rev. B. Ross Cleeland of Klawock, and the Rev. Edward D. Freeman of Ketchikan.

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Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wanamaker arrived at Klukwan on October 1 to serve this field as layworkers. During the summer months, the Rev. Kenneth F. Fox of Haines conducted evening services.

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A young mother of three children recently gave her heart to the Lord in an evening service at the Cordova Church.

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The Wrangell Church had an outdoor service and picnic the second Sunday in August. Members and friends donated cars and trucks, taking a record attendance to the park and beach two miles out. The enthusiastic reaction of children and adults: "Wonderful service, fellowship, food, and experience." At one point in the program, between the worship service and dinner, during the singspiration, there were so many movie cameras and other cameras in operation that it reminded one of Hollywood. Mrs. I. C. Bjorge was chairman of arrangements.

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The Rev. G. C. Crowell of the Wrangell Church, is beginning to take on his full load of pastoral duties after being under doctor's restrictions, holding not back aught of heart's fresh gold that others may be rainbowed with hope. His contagious smile is back in action; faith radiant, hopeful, happy, reintrenches, reinspires.

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During the summer sunshine, the Wrangell Church, manse roof, and garage were painted. Paint was donated.

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Over 100 registered at a great Sunday School Convention in Anchorage on September 18, under the direction of the Ministers Gospel Fellowship. There were department conferences, a visual aid work-shop, a banquet, and great mass meeting. The convention drew Sunday School workers from the area around Anchorage and Palmer.

Sermon series on Prayer, Marriage, the Reading of Revelation, and "The Story of St. John" will be given during the months to come in the First Church at Anchorage, with the pastor, the Rev. R. R. Armstrong, giving special emphasis to World Wide Bible reading as set forth by the American Bible Society.

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A new enterprise is opening in the Anchorage area. It is a Community Church project in a new area of Spenard Lake known as Woodland Park. This building will be 20'x20'. It will be of log construction to the window sills with vertical siding to finish. This unit will eventually become the Manse. The road leading into the Spenard Lake area has as high as 3,500 cars a day traveling the four mile stretch from town. Prayer is needed for this project and request is made of Bible classes, Sunday schools, and workers conferences to uphold workers in this new phase of expansion.

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The Fred Koschmann's of Faith Church, Anchorage, have put in a busy summer holding Daily Vacation Bible Schools. The first, which started June 7, was in Faith Church and drew an average attendance of 52. Next was Government Hill, an Alaska Railroad housing project north of town. Here the sessions were held in the Youth Club building, and attendance averaged 25. On Tuesday, July 6, the first meeting was held in the Spenard Lake district, south of town. Average attendance there, after the first day, was 32. This school was held in cooperation with the Spenard Evangelistic Chapel. Finally they moved to Chugiak, half-way between Anchorage and Palmer and held a school on the Swanson Homestead, with an everage attendance of 15. Altogether, 146 children were reached. The Koschmanns now have Sunday schools in Chugiak and on Government Hill, which, though small, give promise of growth.

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The Armstrongs and Koschmanns, with Vic Urban, young people's leader in Anchorage First Church, took part of their vacation together in the Koschmann station wagon. Four days were spent in fishing, berrying, and picnicing, with visits to Copper Center, Chitna, Valdez and Palmer. Earlier in the summer the same group, minus Vic Urban, spent three days fishing on Willow Creek north of Palmer.

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The men of the Sitka Church installed a new furnace in the basement of the church this summer.

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A reception honoring Nancy McFarlane was held at the Sitka manse, September 14. The Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Hunter were assisted by the officers of the church and their wives in receiving the guests and serving. Colorful autumnal leaves and berries and yellow and orange tapers gave the manse a festive atomsphere for the occasion. Miss McFarlane, who was graduated from Whitworth Colege this spring, has been appointed by the Board of National Missions as Director of Christian Education to assist Mr. Hunter with the youth work of the local Sitka Church and the Presbyterian young people at Mt. Edgecumbe. She arrived in Sitka the middle of August, and her youthful consecrated spirit has already endeared her to the people of Sitka.

At the close of the General Assembly in Seattle, the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Hunter and family of Sitka visited relatives in California. Mr. Hunter returned to his duties in Sitka in the middle of June. Mrs. Hunter and two daughters attended several Bible conferences at Mt. Hermon, California and returned home in August.

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More than one-hundred guests honored Dorothy Nichols who has been director of Christian Education in the Fairbanks Church for several years left June 8 to accept a similar position in the Northside Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Newspapers recently carried a story of the threatened starvation of Eskimos on St. Lawrence Island in Bering Strait. A long-continued offshore wind blew the ice out to sea, carrying with it walrus, seal, and other animals. Staple supplies of food were exhausted. The Alaska Native Service investigated the situation and sent army planes to the threatened area with flour and sugar. The crisis was eased. But another phase of the story did not get into the papers. It came in the report of the Rev. Elmer E. Parker, Presbyterian missionary at Gambell. As the ice disappeared and the food animals with it, the people turned to God for help; for He still ruled the waves of the sea. The wind changed. The ice moved slowly back. For a week the hunters worked day and night. Never in the missionary's experience had there been such a supply of food. The Eskimo's faith in the power of prayer is simple and direct, and once again that faith has been justified.

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The Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Swogger are leaving October 16 for California. The Swoggers have served the Metlakatla Church for sixteen years.

HAINES HOUSE

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for an additional heater for water, Haines House is now well equipped to keep children and staff clean.

Plans for the fall include handicraft classes in wood carving and plastics conducted by Karl Ward, and a 4-H Club for Haines House and town girls sponsored by Edith Auldridge. Christian education classes will be held four evenings a week under the leadership of Dorothy Callecod, with assistance from the Rev. Kenneth Fox, Mrs. Olive Duffy, and Mrs. Forrest Nowell. Other children from the Sunday school are welcomed to these classes, as well as to the School of Missions which is planned for November.

Miss Gertrude Hansen is the new Public Health nurse in Haines. The Haines House Dispensary and adjoining rooms are being used by her for her clinical work.

ROSA PAGE WELCH

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Mississippi. She has taught academic and music courses in Southern schools and faced a brilliant career as a concert artist 10 years ago when she chose to devote herself to the field of religion and inter-racial goodwill. Today she is a member of the Commission on World Order for the Disciples of Christ Brotherhood and is director of music of the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ.

WORK CONFERENCE

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ting settled in the Recreation Hall and in Haines House, they were ready for work, and work they found. Sore muscles and tired backs were soon the result of cutting trees and lugging panels.

The work was so hard and steady that Mr. Cleeland said it should be a "steady work" conference instead of a Work and Study conference. However, a number of evening lectures and discussion sessions were held and led by Mr. Freeman. New ideas and life for preaching were obtained from these studies on "What a Man Can Believe."

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Dodge and Laurence Knott of Bemidji, Minnesota, father, mother, and cousin of John Dodge, drove over the highway to Haines, arriving on July 20. They helped the rest of the conference. The Rev. and Mrs. Raymond B. Spivey also came the second week of the conference.

Gradually the first cabin took form and foundations were laid for the main building which was to be 70'x20'. Altho the work had been hard and slow the conference members took a step of faith and voted to hold the junior high conference on the date scheduled, August 17. Faith and work went together and God honored both as the work progressed. The daily crew grew larger than the Fox car could carry, so Mr. Nelson lent his truck.

There was much fun and fellowship in addition to hard work. Much laughter and good natured "kidding" greeting some of the "Rube Goldberg" ideas for making the work easier or for forcing the panels into place. Great was the joy when the first cabin was completed to the place where hot noon meals could be prepared. Thereafter one or more of the ladies were always a welcome addition to the group.

Finally all the panels in the main building were up and the second cabin almost completed. But only a few days remained before camp. A caterpillar bull dozer pushed a road through the woods and along the beach to the camp, making it possible to drive from any place in the United States to the front door of Bromley Hall, the main building. The pace of the work increased as supplies of all kinds could be trucked to the buildings. A stove and Celotex were brought down from Skagway. Roofing came out from Haines. The ladies celotexed the main building. Two carpenters helped fit doors and windows. The Rev. N. Harry Champlin and family of Fairbanks drove down over the highway and helped with the roofing.

Toilets were dug and built. The kitchen was arranged and supplied. The spring was dug out by a neighbor, Martin Madsen, and boxed in. Mr. Madsen also gave able assistance on the roof. Paul Prouty installed the water pump and tank. Dozens of other last minute jobs were done, and on August 17 the work was completed to the place where the campers could be welcomed. God had blessed the work with wonderful weather and gracious protection. The work conference was over and the new camp was ready for occupancy. Expansion, development, and improvements are in the future, but the dream is now a reality.

Henry Gettinger, chairman of Stewardship Commission of the Westminster Fellowship of the Fairbanks Church, has organized the Youth Budget Plan in that Church.

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New Life

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**My Heart I Give Thee, Lord
Eagerly and Sincerely**

An Instruction Class is being conducted by the Rev. Willis R. Booth for those desiring to unite with the Northern Light Church, Juneau. All members of the congregation were invited to join in doing three things: (1) Unite in a daily prayer during Lent for those who should give themselves to Christ and unite with the Church. (2) Enlist one other to unite in the fellowship of the Church. (3) Seek to win one person to Christ and His Church by Easter.

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Metlakatlans are working hard on renovating and repainting Sunday School classrooms.

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After watch night services in the churches on New Year's Eve, the whole community of Kake met in the ANB Hall for a general get-together. After speeches made by the leaders of the community, refreshments were served by members of both the Presbyterian Church and the Salvation Army.

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Since the return of the Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Crowell on December 7, the Wrangell Church has continued to maintain its Sunday School and Sunday morning worship services. Under the combined efforts of the pulpit committee, services have been planned for each Sunday. V. K. Williams of the Wrangell Institute staff has helped tremendously by taking four or five of the services. The Reverend Raymond B. Spivey of the Petersburg Presbyterian Church conducted a morning worship service on January 30 and another service for the 70 or more Presbyterian youngsters at Wrangell Institute. On February 20, the Reverend Hugh Hall of the Episcopal Church conducted an evening worship service. The choir took charge of a special Christmas service and also one of the

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Winter has continued through February on the Alaska Highway with much below zero temperatures, deep snow, and at places strong winds have prevailed. Three trips this winter found at some place on the highway, temperatures lower than 56 degrees below zero. The car of the Industrial Missionary, the Rev. Bert J. Bingle never missed a beat—but one.

The chaplain of the Canadian Army in Whitehorse has now started having monthly services in the camps of the Whitehorse area. That relieves the Industrial Missionary from going south of the border—at least part of the time. The Rev. Mr. Bingle used to make trips into Canada about every three or four months. Now they are receiving what they needed. Mr. Bingle found fine people living along the highway in Canada, and felt that they needed more religious attention than he was able to give them.

The men at Destruction Bay fixed up a curling rink in an old abandoned garage providing some worthwhile, wholesome recreation for the whole community.

T. B. has taken another life along the Alaska Highway. This young girl of fourteen years loved life and wanted to live the same as everyone else. When she could have gone to the hospital her parents would not let her go. Later when it was too late and no beds available they

programs in the North and certainly the best in any outlying area fifty or more miles from a church was put on by the community of Healy the Sunday before Christmas. A revised reproduction of the pageant, "The Light of the World" was the program. Mr. Bingle says, "One is surprised to find such good musical talent and speaking ability in a remote place. One never finds such talent until he starts doing something. Then surprises are always in store."

There is an effort being made now to get a special recreational hall for Healy. Heretofore all activities have had to be carried on in the dining hall. Train crews are apt to arrive at any time. The use of the dining hall for recreational purposes has been satisfactory, but by having a special hall, still greater community programs can be carried on.

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Sunday services in February besides providing special music for all of the other services.

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PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO REPAIR THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE KLAWOCK CHURCH THIS SPRING AND TO MAKE TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO THE CHURCH TOWER.

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The Reverend Harold Voelkel arrived in Sitka on February 26 to be the speaker at a Spiritual Emphasis week in the Church and at Sheldon Jackson Junior College. Rev. Voelkel has spent twenty years in Korea as a missionary under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. During the past year he has been on furlough in the States and has given generously of his time in conferences and personal counselling.

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The Book of Revelation was the main source of spiritual food for a series of special services in the Cordova Church that began on February 27 and continued for two weeks.

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The annual Congregational business meeting of the Northern Light Church, Juneau, was held on February 2 in the Church parlors. At 6:30 p.m. a covered dish dinner, sponsored by the Martha Society and the World Service Circle, was served. A current expense budget of $12,485 was approved. Mrs. Clifford L. Swap was elected treasurer. R. E. Robertson and C. E. Warfield were re-elected to the office of Ruling Elder. New elders elected were M. S. Whittier, T. A. Morgan, and Delbert B. Dixon. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Dixon were ordained the following Sunday morning. The meeting of the Corporation of the Northern Light Church was called to order by Roland B. Burrows, president of the Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the meeting of the congregation. Mr. Burrows was re-elected to the Board, and the following new trustees were elected: Judson G. Husted, Henry E. Green, Russell E. Alexander, William L. Paul, Jr., Kenneth S. Clem, and William W. Reedy. The coffee for the dinner was made by Mr. and Mrs. Roland B. Burrows. The members of the women's organizations serving on the committee were Mesdames Ralph G. Wright, George W. Folta, Harvey W. Starling, Henry C.

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not only wanted her to go but considered sending her to some faith mission in the States. "There is no substitute for doing the right thing at the right time," says Mr. Bingle.

Big Delta army post has a good dog-mushing chaplain. Chaplain Wilson is a Presbyterian who has been in Alaska most of the time since 1942. His use of the team for recreational purposes for the men is a good part of his ministry. His place out on maneuvers with his team is not small.

Sgt. Brunson and family who have been at Cthedral Repeater Station for better than two years will be going outside this month for furlough and temporary reassignment. They will be missed by all in the Tanacross and Tok areas. The last two Christmases, the Natives at Tanacross have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas program and gifts due to the efforts and engineering of Sgt. and Mrs. Brunson and with the help of others.

On the Alaska Highway, in the 300 miles to the border there are six respective localities where regular worship is held. One or two places have services once a month conducted by Industrial Missinoary Bingle. One place has services every week conducted by a ruling elder. The remainder have services twice a month. Mr. Bingle says, "The most lovely people in the world live along the highway. Of course, some could stand much improvement. That is one of the reasons why the church is there."

In addition to the work on the Alaska Highway, the Industrial Missionary also serves points along the Alaska Railroad.

The Sunday School at Healy is much on the upgrade. Not only is there a good attendance by the children, but one of the cooks, George Strickland, teaches an adult Bible class. Besides that he is at present coaching a play and conducting a musical for future presentations. Mr. Bingle comments, "Aggressive leadership by good folk in any community certainly improve the standards of living."

The community of Healy also has a Boy Scout troop committee. They have a cub pack and two lone scouts whom they are sponsoring up-to-date. It looks as if they might sponsor a cub pack now in a neighboring mining camp.

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partly to the fact that the Industrial Missionary is able to get to the camp more often. Mr. Bingle says, "Lovely people are there and they deserve more attention than has been given them. Nature has unusual ways of stopping speedier traffic over the rails when snow is on the move."

Sheldon Jackson Drops 8th Grade

May 27 is the closing date for Sheldon Jackson Junior College this Spring. This is one week later than usual due to the fact that the opening date last Fall, September 18, was also one week later than usual due to the late fishing in the Southern District. All of those humpies around Ketchikan and Metlakatla must be in the cans before school starts! Then a full 36 weeks term is necessary to meet standards set by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

The eight grade will be dropped at Sheldon Jackson at the end of the present school year. This means that no applications for the eighth grade can be considered for entrance at Sheldon Jackson next September.

Primarily this grade has been eliminated to make room for growth in the junior college. Any reader of "The Alaska Presbyterian" knowing of a worthy young Alaskan interested in a two year program of Christian training beyond the high school level is urged to encourage such an individual to write Sheldon Jackson Junior College for information and to make plans for attending during the academic year of 1949-50. Several advanced students from outlying communities are gaining an enriched Christian training during the present year. In future years Sheldon Jackson is seeking to serve college students in increasing numbers.

Surely he hath borne ourgriefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon rim; and with his stripes we are healed. —ISAIAH 53:4-5.

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The Westminster Fellowship of the Memorial Church, Juneau, will give an Easter pageant, "When Christ Arose Triumphant" by Marion Kendall Parsons, April 17.

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Members of the Senior Westminster Fellowship of the Ketchikan Church have long bemoaned the fact that the old ping pong table was in pretty bad shape. Finally, some of the members got together and built a new table, which is now in use with a tournament in the offing.

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The Westminster Fellowship of First Church, Anchorage, is sponsoring an All Church Skating Party. This will provide skating at the city rink and a carnival of fun at the Church. Without being a money raising stunt it will provide for sale of red hots, pop, etc. A miniature midway will be part of the decorations.

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A Valentine's Day party was given by the Westminster Fellowship of the Skagway Church on the evening of February 14 at hte Comunity Hall. After several enjoyable games, abundant refreshments were served by the girls of the group. The evening concluded with roller skating.

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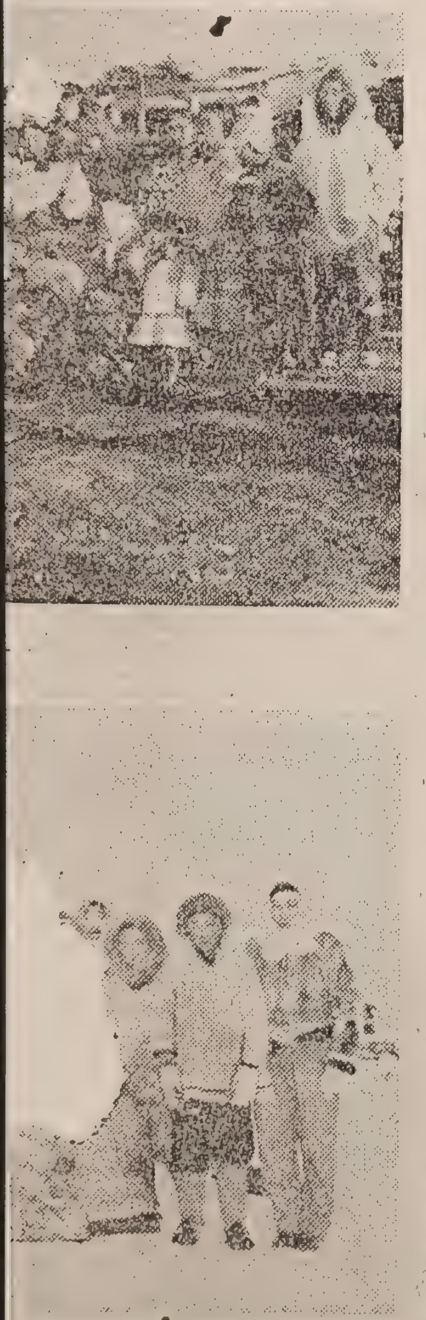

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Dr. J. Earl Jackman to Visit Alaska Presbyteries

Both Presbyteries in Alaska will meet before Easter this year. The Fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Yukon Presbytery will be held in the Fairbanks Church March 24 thru 27. Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary of the Unit of Work in Alaska, Presbyterian Board of National Missions, will attend both the meeting at Fairbanks, and the meeting of Alaska Presbytery at Ketchikan, March 30 thru April 4. The Rev. Walter A. Soboleff, program chairman of Alaska Presbytery, has outlined the docket for Alaska Presbytery:

Wednesday, 8:00 p. m., opening service with sermon by Moderator Kenneth F. Fox, Haines. Presbytery constituted with prayer. Roll call. Report of entertainment committee. Appointment of standing committees: Bills & Overtures; Nominations; Finance; Sessional Records; Resolutions.

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Friday, 9 a. m. Devotional by the Rev. Bernice Morgan. Report of commissioner to General Assembly, Layworker Cyrus Peck. Report of delegate to Synod, Layworker Arthur Johnson. Reading of minutes. Election of commissioners to General Assembly and delegate to Synod. Report of special committee on rules, the Rev. Raymond B. Spivey. Report of Committee on Foreign Missions. 11 a. m. Bible Study, the Rev. Alwin E. Gall. 11:50 a. m. Recess. Prayer. 2 p. m. Presbytery called to order by the Moderator. Prayer. Roll Call. Reading of minutes. Treasurer's report. Reports of permanent committees: Pensions, Social Education and Action, Vacancy and Supply, United Promotion, Christian Education. 4 p. m. Conference led by Dr. J. Earl Jackman. 5 p. m. Adjourn. Prayer. 7:30 p. m. Service conducted by the Presbyterial Society.

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Dorothy Callecod returned from her vacation in California in time to step into the job of nursing the Haines House children through the epidemic.

Olive Fisher, boys' supervisor, was in bed two days with a strep throat.

Isabel Miller left February 11 for a vacation in the States. After a short stay in New York she visited at Warren Wilson College and with relatives and friends elsewhere.

Tommy Evenson from Petersburg is the latest arrival at Haines House. Tommy made his home with the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond B. Spivey since around Christmas while awaiting arrangements to go to Haines House.

To encourage the reading of the mission study books on China, Haines House and the Women's Missionary Society of the Haines Church combined to give a Chinese dinner in the Recreation Hall for all who had read one of the books. The younger children, who had had a book read to them, were [illegible] Chinese food in the Haines House dining room because of so much sickness among them. Dorothy Callecod, who formerly worked at Ming Quong Home in Chinatown, San Francisco, did the cooking, and Chinese friends of hers helped to furnish Chinese designs and lanterns for favors and decorations. Everyone made a gallant effort to complete their meal with chop sticks that they might receive the special dessert of cake promised to those who did. A special feature of the Chinese dinner was the celebrating of the birthday of Kenneth Fox, pastor of Haines Church. After the dinner was over and the dishes cleared away, several friends stayed on to present the Rev. and Mrs. Fox with two round-trip tickets to Juneau by plane. The Foxes failed to page 1, center

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Juniors in the Sitka Sunday hool are studying about David d finding his life very intering. On January 21 they had sledding party. After sliding hile, they went to the home Mrs. Hallman for refreshments d where they also saw some des. They are also learning to d references in their Bibles d learning to pray.

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Andrew had to hire a small private plane to take him home, which cost him $100 of his own money. About half way home they ran into dense fog, so the pilot, Red Crossland, had to fly very low just above the ground. About 40 miles from Barter Island, they came out into clear weather again. When they came to Barter Island there was no place to land with the skis because there was no snow. Andrew told the pilot there was a place to land on the lake. There was no snow on the lake, but plenty of ice. So the pilot brought the plane down safely on the ice. Andrew was hungry from the trip, but his wife cooked a good caribou steak to relieve his hunger.

In October, Andrew became quite ill and was cared for by the Army doctor. After he was feeling better, the doctor advised him to go to Fairbanks to be x-rayed. Andrew had never been in Fairbanks before. Captain James E. Mechling made arrangements for him to go by Army plane. Mr. and Mrs. Akootchook stayed with the Rev. N. Harry Champlin while they were in Fairbanks for one week, Harry took them around in his car and showed them all the sights. Dr. Paul Heggland x-rayed them and Dr. Mary Garrett tested

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Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday School. 11 a.m. Divine Worship and Communion. 7:30 p.m. "Seven Last Words"—Dubois by the Ketchikan Community Chorus.

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Haines House boys are becoming enthusiastic workers in their shop under the supervision of Karl Ward. Some yellow cedar sent over on the "Princeton-Hall" from Sheldon Jackson Junior College is being developed into many useful and decorative articles which the boys make, carve, and decorate with Native designs. The girls have an active 4-H Club which is shared with the town girls. The attendance has increased until the club has had to divide into two groups, with seventeeen active members.

What Counts Most?

God does not sit on man-made thrones,
Nor dwell in temples made with hands;
Nor yet dwells He above the sky,
Nor off in distant fairylands.

His throne is in the human heart,
His temple what we call the soul;
And unconfined by physics He,
For building spirit is His goal.

And yet not only in the heart
Dwells God who countless worlds has made;
For man and beast and elements
The detailed plans His mind has laid.

But what counts most is whether I,
With all His benefits in store,
Have welcomed Him into my life,
And led Him to my neighbor's door.

—Raymond B. Spivey.

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THE JOY OF EASTER

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruts of them that slept."—I Corinthians 15:20.

The Easter story of the resurrection of our Savior will never cease to be the greatest fact of joy to the Christian. In the preceding verses the Apostle Paul had pointed out to the Christian Church the depressing and gloomy facts, if there were no bodily resurrection. If there be no resurrection, "Christ be not raised," and the gospel message of good news "is vain." If there be no resurrection then the principle of our Christian faith is destroyed and made void. If there is no resurrection the apostles of Christ, the Church thru these many years, and believers today are guilty of false witness and testimony. If there is no resurrection, Christ is still in the sepulchre, the believers faith is vain, being nothing more than a delusion; for our sin would be with us, our hope beyond the grave would perish and we in this life should be pitied for living and building our lives on such a false hope.

This "if" concerning the resurrection of the body, which would cast such a darkness across the hearts of believers, is forever destroyed with the sight of the empty tomb and the presence of the risen Lord on that first Easter morning. At His presence the doubt and gloom of His followers was transformed into assurance and joy. At the sepulchre Mary Magdalene's doubt and sadness were changed to trust and joy, at His presence. At his resurrected presence the questioning hearts of the two disciples of Emmaus were assured and so filled with joy that they returned to Jerusalem to share their gladness. At evening when He made Himself known to the ten "they believed not for joy." His resurrected presence ever brings joy to the believer. The "if" concerning the resurrected body ever passes into oblivion. He has "become the first fruits of them that slept." His abiding presence fills our hearts with hope and and joy. "You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart."—Hackett Johnson.

"THE PRIDE OF LIFE"

"For allthat is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."

What do the above expressions mean? You need not wonder, for "the works of the flesh are in evidence, such as adultery, unchastity, impurity, lewdness, idolatry, magic, animosities, hatred, EMULATIONS, bad temper, dissensions a factional spirit, heresies, envy, drunkenness, carousings and everything of the kind." (Galatians 5:19-21). Undoubtedly these are some of the things suggested by this eternal triumvirate of evil.

To be more specific, let us single out just one of these evidences of the "pride of life," namely **emulations**. According to modern usuage, emulation means "rivalry; ambition or endeavor to equal or excel." Biblical usuage agrees. Interestingly enough, the word is also translated as zeal, bitter envying, fiery indignations, and jealousy. Need we wonder at the meaning of such plainness of speech?

"Keeping up with the Joneses" might be a modern rendering of "emulation," A present-day textbook on Economics helps to explain further the meaning of this scripture:

"There is little gen[illegible] enefit from emulat[illegible] spending, for with it all there are no more people ahead in the mad race than there would be if the race were not so fast, When the Joneses buy Venetian blinds, the Smiths do likewise, and pretty soon the whole neighborhood has Venetian blinds. . . . We can see this waste in the clothings bills of American families. For about $10 per person in summer and $30 in winter, men and women could dress as artistically and comfortably as they are accustomed to dress on three or four times as much—this would amount to a total saving of hundreds of millions annually—but they could never remain on that modest standard for long. First the rich would add some more expensive rabiliment, then the near-rich would buy it, then the middle classes would buy something like it, and finally the poor would scratch gravel to get enough money to buy a Kresge imitation of it. This process would continue with one thing after another until everything again reached the status quo, with the people wasting most of their clothing money in emulation, while doing without things they really need."

"Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities, all is vanity." And jjust how much is spent annually for vanity in America? In your community? In your home? In your Church? In your personal life? Said a famous American; "Our eyes, although very useful require nothing more than a pair of spectacles, an outlay which ought not greatly disarrange our finances, it is the eyes of others that ruin us. If all the world were blind excepting myself

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another, which prepared the meetings.

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Ketchikan's Junior Westminster Fellowship was organized just after Christmas and meets twice a week. On Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, they have their program meeting, and on Tuesday afternoons at 4 o'clock they have a social with a short devotional and fellowship circle. Officers of this group are: Carol Baines, president; Edith Ecklund, vice-president; Marjorie Jackson, secretary - treasurer; Roberta Campbell, Faith and Life; Isabelle Ecklund, Stewardship; Violet Yeltatzie, Fellowship; Lavina Hamilton, Outreach; Alice McLeod, sergeant-at-arms.

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The "Whole Family" of the scouting program is being sponsored by the First Church, Anchorage, which had the first Boy Scout program in Anchorage. It is now a definite step forward to set up a church council coordinating Senior Scouting, Scouting, and Cubbing. A twelve man committee will keep constant watch over all youth activities in this area of the program. Elder Lloyd Morley is in charge of the committee. Others are Jack Harrison, Lowell Puckett, Russell Akey, the Rev. R. R. Armstrong, Loren Anderson, Walt Williams, Abe Bailey, Russell St. Claire, Carl Morton, and Frank Pauls. Jack Padda will be the scoutmaster for the regular unit.

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Eleven young people of the Skagway Westminster Fellowship participated in the morning service on January 30, when the Westminster Fellowship group took over the service. A good-sized congregation enjoyed and profited by their presentation. Four of the young people gave the sermon.

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The Senior and Junior Westminster groupshr.l Ee sFellow minster Fellowship groups of the Haines Church are working together to observe Young People's Dap in a program that they did not get a chance to present on January 30. Miss Dorothy Callecod will be in charge of the program.

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On February 13, the Junior class of the Craig Sunday School, of which Mrs. Beverly Hamilton is teacher, staged a surprise Valentine party for the whole Sunday school. Ice cream and cookies were served.

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During the winter quarted, the Teen-Agers of the Sitka Sunday School have been studying the Bible for Personal Enrichment, with Mrs. Elwood Hunter. She has emphasized the Bigle should always be studied or read with the question in mind, "What is God trying to tell ME personally?" There should always be

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To My Soul

(From Isaiah 40)

O soul, my soul, wake up and live!
Behold your God, who reigns alone:
He is no man-made workmanship;
Have you not heard? Have you not known?
The everlasting God, the Lord,
Who made the heavens and the earth,
And all that in them may be found,
'Tis He, the Lord, who gave you birth!
Without His strength the strong shall faint,
And youth shall blossom forth in vain;
For godless age to godless age
Must reap sin's sorrow and its pain.

But hear, my soul, the blessed hope
That He has given you to hear!
The chain is not an endless one
Of sin and pain. Attune your ear
To catch the song of gracious love
The Lord would sing to faithful souls.
And those who hear must sound it on;
They must become the glowing coals
That light the spirit-fires along
The way from age to age. O soul,
The Christ is watching you; go forth
To love and serve Him, O my soul!

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Friday night, February 11, and Saturday morning, February 12, the older girls of the Craig Sunday School enjoyed a pajama party at the manse. Games, refreshments, the phonograph, and a waffle brunch furnished entertainment.

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And in the glory of the skies
Of life's world find revealed
Before your wondering eyes
The firmament of Heaven, sealed
For you who now find life in death.

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The Outreach Commission of the Skagway Westminster Fellowship is lending the group in their plans for the Lenten sacrificial offering and the "One Great Hour" service.

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There is a strong possibility that the Rev. Barnett S. Eby, associate director of the department of young people's work, the Board of Christian Education, will be in Alaska this summer to participate in the summer youth work. It is expected that he will be director of the Senior Westminster Fellowship summer conference at Sheldon Jackson Junior College in June

In Memoriam

A real old-timer and faithful supporter of the Haines Church, Paddy Goenett, passed away January 3. His exact age is unknown but it is believed that he was over 100 years old. He had been elected an elder in the Haines Church in 1902. He was a convert of the first missionaries to Haines, the Willards. He was very highly respected by all who knew him. He was cared for at the Haines House dispensary during his last illness which began last Thanksgiving.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APRIL

Day	Book	Chapter
1	Revelation	22:1-5
2	Psalm	1
3	Ephesians	3:14-21
4	Psalm	84
5	Mark	4:26-32
6	Luke	11:1-13
7	Proverbs	8:1-11
8	II Timothy	3
9	Philippians	2:5-13
10	John	12:12-19
11	Matthew	21:17-22,33,40
12	Matthew	21:28-46
13	Isaiah	53
14	I Corinthians	11:23-29
15	Mark	15:15-20
16	Matthew	27;62-66
17	Luke	24:1-12
18	Acts	1:12-14
19	Acts	2:37-47
20	Acts	4:32-37
21	John	17:15-26
22	John	15:1-8
23	Hebrews	12:1-11
24	Matthew	7:15-23
25	Galatians	5:13-24
26	Matthew	16:13-24
27	James	2:14-26
28	Luke	24:44-53
29	Matthew	12:33-37
30	Psalm	96

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Day	Book	Chapter
1	Psalm	142
2	Luke	4:16-22
3	Acts	5:12-21

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Because the thermometer was reaching for the bottom, the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church staged a midwinter Icicle party Tuesday evening, December 7. Games appropriate to the season were played.

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Members of the Westminster Fellowship of the Northern Light Church in Juneau had charge of the morning worship service on January 30. Members participating in the service were Ann Henning, Beverly McLeod, Carol Shellenbarger, Shirley Schultz, Donna Jewett, Tommy Morgan, Alice Dean Davis, Charles McClellan, Janu McConnel, Evangeline McConnel, Donald Mac Kinnon, David Cem, Bill Bright, Dick Klingbeil, Jerry Magorty Bob Croken, and Jerry Hill.

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Ketchikan's Westminster Fellowship were in charge of the morning service on January 30. Ernie Hamilton, president of the Senior Westminster Fellowship, presided. Three other young peoplegave short talks: John Reece spoke on "Let God Speak Through the Scriptures," Barbara Edenso spoke on "Let God Speak Through a United Church," and Ruby Eaton spoke on "Let God Speak Through Me." The junior choir sang "Lord Speak to Me"—Schumann.

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tendance awards at the Memorial Church in Juneau went to the following: Three months — Johanna Clark, Katherine Vavalis, Sasha Soboleff, Dolly Willard, Gertrude Treffers. Six months—Marlee Miller, Helen Mercado, Roy Peratrovich, Jr., Lenora Vavalis, Lois Jack, John Vavalis, Jr. Nine Months—Loretta Peratrovich, Merle Jack, Edward Phillips, Beverly Jack, Grace Miller, Tom Abbott, Margaret Mercado. One year—Adaline Barlow, Elsie Johansen, Frank Peratrovich. One year and six months—Janet Soboleff, Laura Johansen. One year and nine months—Alberta Barlow and Linda Brown.

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Tanja, a little Finnish girl, and her family are being helped by Miss Phila Mae Helt and her Sheldon Jackson Junior College Sunday School class through Save the Children Federation. Tanja's father, a soldier in the last war, has contracted tuber-

of $10 claims in the following foreign mission stations: Elat, Africa; Teheran, Iran,; Bogota, Colombia; and Canton, China.

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Hoonah's Westminster Fellowship meet in the church basement every Friday evening. Esther Lindoff is the new president of the Fellowship.

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Tuesday night is Social Night for the Senior Young People of the Fairbanks Church. February's schedule of parties included: Feb. 1, show party with refreshments at the church afterward. Feb. 8 "Curling" party with refreshments at the church afterward. Feb. 15 party at Frances Tonseth's. Feb. 22 they joined with the Mariners in an All-Church Box-Social.

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Haines Senior Westminster Fellowship sponsored a Valentine party for the young people of the community. It gegan with a pot luck supper and ended with games and fudges. It was held in the Haines House Recreation Hall.

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Mrs. Beverly Hamilton is superintendent of the Craig Sunday School. Under her leadership the school is flourishing and making good use of the new curriculum.

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Fifteen high school goys and girls of the Fairbanks Church enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Miss Nora Hart on December 21. The girls each brought a present for a girl and the boys each brought a present for a boy. After enjoying a spaghetti dinner, all sang Christmas carols. Sourdough dancing was also a highlight of the evening.

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Memorial Church, Juneau, has an active Westminster Fellowship with a well-planned program that has been enjoyed by the society and their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. George Everest. The group meets each Sunday at 6.30 p. m. Their meetings

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Primaries in the Sitka Sunday School have been studying about David's life from the time he was a young boy until he became king. Primary children have found it fun to "act out" these stories, and have counted it a real privilege to be "David" because they have learned that he was a man who loved and obeyed God. They have also learned a number of memory verses which have a real connection with their lessons.

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Skagway Cub Scouts held their annual Blue and Gold dinner on February 1 with about 25 people attending. It was held in the Church Community Hall. Cub handicraft classes are being held on Thursday evenings at the home of the assistant submaster, Dick Miller Ted Gregg has taught the boys to do soap carving.

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Two middlers from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, plan to spend July and August in Haines. They plan to do youth work and work on the camp grounds.

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The Rev. Alwin Gall has carried on work for over a year witr boys of Boy Scout age at Hydaburg. There is a Cub Scout pack with 15 registered members and a Boy Scout troop with 12. Both groups received their charter recently. Most members made their tests and received their membership cards and pins. The program is greatly enjoyed by all boys. The Rev. Mr. Gall is Cubmaster and Scoutmaster. Members of the troop committee are: Bruce Cook, John Lawrence, Claude Morrison, Wesley Morrison, Sylvester Peele. The Church is sponsoring both groups and all meetings are held in the manse.

	Genesis	
5	Genesis	40:1-8
6	Genesis	42:1-17
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New officers of the Women's Association, First Church, Anchorage, are Mrs. Lowell Puckett, president; Mrs. George Parko, vice-president; Mrs. John Bowman, secretary; and Mrs. Steve Ostrander, treasurer.

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Skagway's Women's Church Auxiliary held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. Theo Eagle, where plans were laid for a bake sale the following Saturday. Over $40 was realized from this sale. Members are working on a layette under the direction of Mrs. Betty Dell.

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NEW OFFICERS OF THE HOONAH WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ARE: MRS. MINNIE JOHNSON, PRESIDENT; MRS. ROBERT GRANT, VICE-PRESDENT; MRS. IDA KADASHAN, TREASURER; MRS. ROBERT CARTEETE, SECRETARY; MISS ESTHER LINDOFF, SERGEANT - AT - ARMS.

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Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, has divided its ladies Aid into two circles the better to care for those women interested. The original members had found it better to meet in the evening as many of them worked. However, there is now a second circle of eight women who meet two afternoons a month as well as the evening group.

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Cordova's Ladies' Aid Society is growing and is now back to its former strength in spite of the fact that many of those formerly active have moved away or left for indifinite periods outside. $18 was realized from a silver tea on Saturday, February 19, at which time 27 ladies gathered together for a program and refreshments.

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Ladies of the Northern Light Church in Juneau met at the manse on February 23 to do mending for the Minifield Children's Home.

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Craig's Missionary Society held a bazaar in January at which they raised $80 toward the church addition.

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Klawock's Missionary Society had a Mexican dinner at the manse. Over 50 were served and seemed to enjoy the food and fellowship. The proceeds will be used to help the delegate to the Presbyterian meeting at Ketchikan.

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At the January 3 meeting of the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church, it was decided to hold a Mothers' Day candy sale immediately before Mother's Day in May. Two new officers were elected: Mrs. James Winfree, secretary; and Mrs. Marion Horton, treasurer. Hostesses for the evening were Magdalene Cassidy and Dorothea Williams.

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A pot-luck dinner for the entire congregation of the Wrangell Church on March 11 was planned and executed by the Crowell Circle of the Ladies' Aid. After the dinner E. C. Intolubbe, principal of Wrangell Institute, showed colored slides and movies of his trip up the Stikine River last summer and also scenes of the "Stikine Stampede" celebration held at Wrangell all last summer.

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Mesdames C. C. Carter and Josephine Boyd were hostesses for the dessert luncheon of the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church, Juneau, on January 21. Mrs. Gunnar Blomgren, Sr. led the devotions and letters from Martha's friends provided the program.

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UNION WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE IN KETCHIKAN WAS HELD IN THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, AT 2 P.M. THE SERVICE WAS SPONSORED BY THE KETCHIKAN COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN. MRS. E. D. FREEMAN IS PRESIDENT OF THE KETCHIKAN COUNCIL.

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Fairbanks Church Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. H. G. Hughes on January 20. Mrs. Alan Lee presented a program which narrated the history of the missionary enterprise in Alaska. The ladies made a dozen aprons for use at Haines House. The ladies are also sponsoring the individual placing of flowers on the Communion table. Plans for the year book were begun and standing committee appointments announced. Standing committee appointments include:

Property:— Mesdames J. A. Marsh, Edgar Clausen, Alden Williams, Paul Greimann.

Program and Literature:— Mesdames B. J. Bingle, Harry Brandt, E. A. Tonseth, C. O. Chaddon, William J. Green.

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Hydaburg's Women's Missionary Society conducted a World Day of Prayer service in the school house on March 4.

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Mrs. Frank Williams was re-elected president of Ketchikan's Mary-Martha Guild. New officers elected are: Mrs. Morris Fowler, vice - president; Mrs. Margaret Glenn, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Milton Jackson, program chairman.

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The World Service Circle of the Northern Light Church, Juneau, met in the Church parlors, March 11 with Mesdames R. B. Martin, W. B. Heisel and Walter P. Klemeno as hostesses. The 1948 Chairmen of Committees reviewed the duties of their offices and Mrs. Gunnar Blomgren [illegible] the devotions. Mrs. William Duguqua of Kake spoke briefly.

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Attendance at the bi-weekly meetings of Sitka's Presbyterian Women continues to be good. More than forty members were recent guests at the meeting in the home of Mrs. Andrew Hope. Nancy McFarlane led the devotions and Mrs. William Arthur presented a program on Hawaii. She gave out completion questions and members filled in the enswers as they were heard in Mrs. Arthur's talk.

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To encourage the men in working on the church, the ladies of the Hydaburg Missionary Society take turns in serving lunches and a dinner in the evening. The men have been working on the new church location which is above the park and below the manse instead of the old location on the hill. The rigging scow was borrowed from the cannery to pull stumps and old logs, making the work easier and quicker. Now the posts are being set up.

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Working girls have their own group in the Fairbanks Church which meet for fellowship and service at the church. Their meetings begin with a pot-luck supper at the church. After the devotional period, the remainder of the evening is spent in some service to the church. At their February 1 meeting, this group painted the church nursery, They call themselves the Workin' Gals Club.

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At the January meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Wrangell Church, the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Vernon Anderson, president; Mrs. Frank Zepp, vice-president; Susan Drenth, secretary-treasurer. Circle officers elected at the same time include: Carrie Circle—Mrs. Frank Zepp, president; Mrs. L. Lemioux, sec-

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The Marth Society of Juneau's Northern Light Church met in the Church parlors February 18. Mesdames Burras Smith and Arthur Walker were hostesses for the dessert luncheon. Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem sang. Mrs. Willis R. Booth led the devotions. Kodachrome pictures taken at Christmas of the adult choir and of the Junior Choir and pageant were shown.

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Klawocks Women's Missionary Society is planning a Chinese dinner in the near future and the money is to help purchase and provide materials for a layette for the use of the local nurse in case of emergency.

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Mrs. H. B. Frickey gave a talk on "Teaching Religion in the Home" at a meeting of the Westminster Society of the Fairbanks Church on February 7 in Young Memorial Hall.

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The Missionary Society of the Memorial Church, Juneau, continues to share vitally in the Church program. On January 30, they had charge of the evening service, using the theme: "The Width of Friendship." Participating in the service were Mesdames Anna Mae Anderson, Harriet Roberts, Nellie Willard, Emma Borbridge, Joyce Everest, Amy James, Clara Barlow, Cornelia Hendrickson, Jennie Holst, and the pastor, the Rev. Walter A. Soboleff.

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New officers of the Wrangell Missionary Society are: Mrs. Bessie Gross, president; Mrs. Sadie Campus, vice-president; Mrs. Edna Cabatutan, secretary; Mrs. Mary Lanting, treasurer.

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Mesdames Ray Taylor and J. W. Leivers were hostesses for the dessert luncheon at the meeting of the Martha Society of the Northern Light Church in Juneau, February 4. Mrs. Freeman Schultz led the devotions.

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Every last Sunday in the month, the Hydaburg Missionary Society members take charge of the eevning service. They also had charge of the watch night service on New Year's Eve, which

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MUSIC NOTES . . .

Metlakatla choir members were entertained at the manse on Christmas Eve. At 11 oclock they started caroling. They carried a large electric torch which they plugged in at the various cords stretched from the doorways of the homes in anticipation of their visit. They also took the folding organ along and started at the opposite end of town from the choir of the Duncan Memorial Church. They caroled all night long. They received many gifts from appreciative listeners and were given coffee and lunch at various homes as well.

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The Klawock Adult Choir is working hard on the Easter cantata, "The Lord of Life" by Roy E. Nolte. Geo. Demmert conducts the choir and Arthur Demmert is the accompanist.

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"The Story of Christmas," a cantata by H. Alexander Matthews, was presented by the choir of the Northern Light Church in Juneau at the morning worship service, December 19, under the direction of Mrs. Russell E. Alexander. Mrs. Carol Beery Davis was the organist, with Mrs. Alexander doing the piano parts. Soloists for the cantata included Mrs. Roland B. Burrows, Mrs. Stanley D. Baskin, Mrs. W. W. Reedy, George B. Schmidt, and H. E. Salisbury.

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Chopin piano concert by the choir of the Ketchikan Church on January 30. Miss Ohashi was born in Ketchikan and was graduated from the University of Rochester in June with a major in piano. She is now teaching piano in Ketchikan. The offering at the service went into the Church's organ fund.

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Metlakatla's choir presented their Christmas cantata, "King All Glorious" by Roy E. Nolte perhaps more times than any other choir in the Territory. Their first performance of the cantata was in their own Church on Christmas night. On Tuesday, January 4, they eft at midnight on Ted Benson's boat, "Theo," with 43 on board. A capacity Church greeting the Metlakatla choir when they made their appearance in the Wrangell Presbyterian Church on January 5. After the program, a social hour was enjoyed with refreshments prepared by the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. During this time His Honor, Mayor Roy Davis of Metlakatla offered greetings of his community and Henry Littlefield, president of the choir, spoke a few words.

The choir left Wrangell Thursday morning and gave their cantata in Petersburg that night. Between Petersburg and Kake, they encountered rough water in Frederick Sound and some succumbed to "Mal de mere" and sought the comfort of No. 10 size cans. They recovered sufficiently to give the cantata in Kake Friday evening where they were royally entertained.

They left Kake at 2 a.m. Saturday and reached Sitka that afternoon. Along the way they saw countless deer feeding on seaweed, driven down from the hills by the heavy snows. Shortly before reaching Sitka, they rescued a marooned hunter who had been living several days on clams and whatever he could find on the island. His boat had frozen in the shallow waters.

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What Presbyterians Believe

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith

Article IX. Of Faith and Repentance

"We believe that God pardons our since and accepts us as righteous solely on the ground of the perfect obedience and sacrifice of Christ received by faith alone; and that this saving faith is always accompanied by repentance, wherein we confess and forsake our sins with full purpose of, and endeavor after, a new obedience to God."

Suggested Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-12:2; Romans 8:1-35; Acts 2:14-47; Romans 5; Mark 1:1-15; Galatians 3; John 6:47-71.

When our Presbyterian Church throughout the world is seeking to gird itself for the tremendous task of awakening all men and women to New Life in Christ Jesus, we would do well to prayerfully examine the above article written by God-fearing leaders in His Church.

In the first place, our attention is called to the important fact that God alone pardons and accepts us as righteous on the ground of the perfect obedience and sacrifice of Christ, received by faith alone. Before the civil court stands the one to be tried. He is guilty or not guilty. He is entitled to every reasonable way to prove that he is without fault in that particular trial. Yes, and even though conscience says otherwise, he often gains immediate freedom. However, before the Great Judge, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). We are guilty and there we stand. Before the civil court the guilty is escorted to imprisonment or death. Before God's throne we must stand with a repentant spirit and accept the price He has already paid for our guilt. We are not condemned to die, instead by faith in Him we are given a new lease on Life. This matter of repentance, confession, and forsaking of all sins is to be made without mental reservation. It means going all the way! Christ is the example. He went all the way for you!!! An act of this nature ought to be genuine or else hypocrisy has already set in.

This repentance goes hand in hand with faith in Christ Jesus, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1); also Romans 3:25, "Whom God had set forth to be a propitation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins."

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Geneva Fellowship

Mariners of the Fairbanks Church sponsored a big Church-Wide Box Social on Washington's birthday, the money to be used in one of the service projects of the club.

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Geneva Fellowship has come alive in the Haines Church. A group of Genevans meet at the manse every Sunday evening beginning at 8:30 p.m. They have adopted the name of the Key Fellowship inasmuch as they are looking for the Keys to the Kingdom. The Key Fellowship received its original impetus from the crew of the M.V. Chilkoot, the barge that was rescued by the "Princeton-Hall" last November. Steve Homer, skipper, and Ray Gellotte, engineer, believe that Providence had a hand in their rescue. The Fellowship began with them but it has met such a real need that now from 14 to 18 young adults meet each Sunday evening. Many shades of faith are represented including Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal, Free Methodist, Romanist, Presbyterian and others but all are joined together in trying to learn the way of Christ better than they have known it before.

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At the regular meeting of the Mariners' Club of the Fairbanks Church on January 25 Mrs. Frank Lawson presented one of her well known Chalk Talks. The program also included community singing. The evening began with a pot-luck supper.

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The Couple Club of the Northern Light Church, Juneau, met for a covered-dish dinner and program in the Church parlors February 18. Mr. and Mrs. Winston A. Elkins and Mr. and Mrs. Roland B. Burrows were in charge of the menu, and Mr. and Mrs. William W. Reedy and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Paul Jr., were in charge of the program.

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The city store of Wrangell, owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Sumption has been closing out their stock in preparation for closing the store. They offered the entire balance of the store stock for the last week to the Ladies' Aid Society of the Wrangell Church, the proceeds of the last week's sales to go to the work of the church. Members of the Aid Society took turns clerking during the afternoons and report a good ambount cleared.

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Klawock's Rose-bud Choir (Intermediate girls) and the Sunbeams (Primary), under the direction of Mrs. Helen Keene sing once in a while at the services of the Church and at special meetings.

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"The Brotherhood of Christmas," a music interpretation, was given in the Northern Light Church in Juneau on Sunday evening, December 19, by the Senior Department of the Church School, Junior Choir, and Westminster Fellowship. The program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Willias R. Booth and Mrs. B. R. Glass, assisted by the teachers in the Sunday School. Lois and Carol Lawrence played organ and piano duets and Ann Henning was the accompanist at both organ and piano.

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Ketchikan's choir gave a sacred concert at Metlakatla on Sunday evening, February 6, under the direction of William Salt. Agnes King was the accompanist. The choir sang anthems by Moore, Stainer, Mozart, Foerster, Freeman Beethoven, Spinney, Cadman, Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, Kopylow-Wilhousky, Brahe, and Gounod. The generous offering was given to the choir for the church's organ fund and a bountiful reception was given afterwards by the Metlakatla choir. The choir was entertained upon arriving at the manse.

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Music played over the new Stromberg-Carlson public address system by the new Zenith record player is proving a deep source of inspiration to people in Kake. This new equipment at the Presbyterian Church is proving itself to be an effective way of proclaiming the Word of God to the people of the community and to attract people to the services at the Church.

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St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church choir of Ketchikan presented a program of Christmas carols and antehsm in the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church on December 28.

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MRS. CAROL BEERY DAVIS, ORGANIST AT THE NORTHERN LIGHT CHURCH, JUNEAU, FELL AND BROKE HER WRIST ON JANUARY 10TH. WHILE HER WRIST WAS RECUPERATING, ANN HENNING SUBSTITUTED AS CHURCH ORGANIST.

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"North Star Shining," a pictorial history of the American Negro, by Hildegarde Hoyt Swift was read at the evening Prayer Service in the Ketchikan Church on February 20. Interspersed in the reading the choir sang several Negro spirituals, featuring Dorothy Henderson, mezzo-soprano, as soloist.

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"Eastertide," a cantata for Lent and Easter, by Daniel Protheroe, has been selected by the Ketchikan choir to sing for Easter Sunday evening. The choir, under the direction of William Salt, is practicing twice a week in preparation for Easter.

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About 30 people were present at a church supper held in the Chapel-by-the-Lake at Auke Bay on February 11. This was the first of its kind sponsored there. The Chapel Ladies organized the get-together. The little Chapel was completely filled, and table space was so well occupied that elbow room was at a premium. After the meal all adults introduced themselves, the men giving their occupations while the ladies related the highlights on "how they met their husbands."

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At a service on Christmas Day, the Reverend George R. Betts showed the "Christmas Blessing" slides, which were enjoyed by young and old. Mr. Betts reports that the Church had all that it could hold.

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Sunday morning messages in the Skagway Church recentlv have been taken from the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. The series has included the following sermons: "Jesus and Youth," "Jesus and Race," Jesus and Prayer," "Jesus and Men," "Jesus and Heaven," and "Jesus and Hell."

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The Christian Men's Fellowship of Memorial Church, Juneau, held a charter night service January 16. This group meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Sunday School room. Following devotions a round table discussion is held on various topics, the last being, "How may I improve my public speaking?". The Men's Fellowship had complete charge of a New Year's Eve party, followed by the Watch-Night service. Officers of the Fellowship are: Fred Morgan, president; John B. Shotter, vice-president; Arthur Charles, secretary; Joseph Rhea, treasurer. Men's Day in the Church was observed February 27. The morning service was taken over by the Men's Fellowship with Senator Walter Huntley, prominent layman from the United Protestant Church, Palmer, as guest speaker.

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Faith Church, Anchorage, is laying plans to erect a new building this coming summer. If present drawings are followed the church will be of cinder block construction, and will have besides the sanctuary, more adequate Sunday School facilities, and an apartment for the pastor and his family. It will be located in a newly developed business district about five blocks from the present building, and about two miles from downtown Anchorage. The present building will be sold.

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Over 40 students have been in attendance at classes of the second annual Presbyterian Bible Institute of Anchorage. Classes are held in the Educational Unit of First Church. Teachers for the Institute and subjects are as follows: Christian Beliefs, the Rev. Victor Alfsen; Advance Teacher Training, Thelma Glenn; Church History, the Rev. Frederick Koschmann; History of Missions, the Rev. Hackett Johnson; Worship in the Chapel, the Rev. R. R. Armstrong. The Rev. E. E. Bromley aided Mr. Armstrong several times in leading the devotionals at the Chapel services. Many Sunday School teachers attended these lectures. Young people out of school appreciate the atmosphere of getting back into the class room.

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There was a large turn out for the Fairbanks' Church annual congregational meeting and potluck dinner, January 12. The meal was served by the Church Workers' Council. After some community singing and a devotional led by the Rev. N. Harry Champlin, the congregation heard the reports from the various organizations. Quite adequate evidence of a very successful and active year was given.

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Finally, the Akootchooks were able to return to Barter Island, via Fairbanks. Before they got to their home, the whole family ran out to meet them. It reminded Andrew of the way God meets the sinner when he turns back to Him and accepts Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

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Plans for a pastor's retreat at the summer camp grounds near Haines will be completed at the meeting of Alaska Prebytery at Ketchikan, March 30-April 4. Plans for a building program not as ambitious as last year's that will allow more time for study and meditation are now being worked on by Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education.

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Musings of a Minister's Wife

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WHERE WAS TADDIE?

Mommie wondered if the clock just seemed to go faster in the morning before school, or if it really did hustle along at an added pace.

Hurrying down the back stairs, she counted off the things to be done in the next few minutes. "Start the oatmeal; get the peaches from the basement; iron Joe's plaid shirt; sew the button on Jon's school jacket . . . and, oh dear, Daddy needs a shirt ironed, too!"

Mommie wondered where Taddie was and what he was doing. Only a few minutes before while dressing him she had remarked. "It's surely a shame that tour 'alarm clock' overslept this morning of all mornings. It's always that way. He never oversleeps on Saturdays."

The fire in tre fireplace snapped and crackled with early morning cheeriness. "Bring your clothes down here, Virginia and Net," Mommie called: "And stop bouncing on your bed . . . hurry now, because it's late. And Janie, come and get the table set."

Where in the world was Taddie? Not a bit of noise anywhere; he must be into something. Mommie hurried into the front room and there she found him, found him in the safest place for a little boy to be.

Daddy, trying to find a quiet place, had gone into the front room to read and pray. And there he was, kneeling down by the davenport, and nestled under him was Taddie, with his fuzzy little head right under Daddy's chin.

In the midst of all the hustle and confusion, the sense of hurrying and strain, Taddie had found a place of uqietness, of love and shelter enfolded in Daddy's arms.

Things grew a little misty as Mommie said to herself— "It's like the prayer, 'Our Father' . . . He loves us even more, far more than that. Oh, why don't we seek that shelter and love more often!"

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John Holic was master of ceremonies for a Bible Quiz, each orrect answer being rewarded with a sucker. Then he had two eams with a representative on ach team from elementary, high chool, young adult, and older dult ages. Each contestant was iven a baloon to blow until it urst. The side that broke all the balloons first won.

Four Sheldon Jackson Junior College Comrades presented a musical number with Sandy Haldane playing the guitar, Fenton James the harmonica, and Franklin Baines a bass viol improvised from a washtub and heavy string tied to a pole. Cy Peck juggled oranges while these ellows played and sang.

Marilyn Latta and Nancy Yaw performed saw "Clown Capers" n costume. Alton Dickman led some humorous songs and Roland Wurster was a "thinker," centering his thoughts on certain individuals about whom he stated facts. The audience was to guess "Who's Who?" and each who guessed correctly was awarded a box of chocolate mints. The three persons chosen for "Who' Who?" proved to be Mrs. Clarence Rands, church organist; Betty Yaw, pianist for Sunday evening services; and Alton Dickman, choir director. They were called forward and each was presested with a lovely gift in appreciation for their splendid, faithful services to the Sitka Church.

Following the program, the Rev. Elwood B. Hunter led the devotional for the evening, choosing Philippians 4:6 and 7, "Be careful for nothing . . . and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

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A New Year's Eve worship service was held in the sanctuary of the Northern Light Church, Juneau, Friday, December 31, at 11:30 p.m. The service concluded with the turn of the year. Frances E. Paul was the soloist.

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Several movies were shown at the Ketchikan Church at a New Year's Eve party. At 11 p.m. the congregation gathered in the sanctuary for a Candlelight Conseccration service, followed by Communion.

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Father Athanasius Ossorgin and members of the St. Gabriel Society of Sitka conpreciate the atmosphere of getting back into the class room.

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There was a large turn out for the Fairbanks' Church annual congregational meeting and potluck dinner, January 12. The meal was served by the Church Workers' Council. After some community singing and a devotional led by the Rev. N. Harry Champlin, the congregation heard the reports from the various organizations. Quite adequate evidence of a very successful and active year was given.

Among new officers elected were Ralph Bailey, Silas Negavana, Ken Murray, Kenneth Johnson, and William G. Green, trustees; Edgar Philleo, elder; Mrs. Einar Tonseth and Mrs. Muriel Johnson, deacons. All the Sunday School superintendents and teachers were re-elected and commended for their work.

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At the annual congregational meeting of the Ketchikan Church on January 16, the following officers were elected: Joe Johnson and Mrs. Marie Dudley, elders; Mrs. Bertha Wilson and Marjorie Paulus, deacons; Mrs. Beulah Cain, Fred Wallace, and Mrs. Sixten Johanson, trustees.

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The annual meeting of the Skagway Church was held January 10, preceded by a pot-luck dinner. The church treasurer's report indicated that 1948 was one of the most successful financial years in a long time. $810 of the $854 benevolence quota was raised. The church is taking a greater measure toward self support in 1949 and the benevolence quota was raised to $900. Mrs. G. C. Sipprell and E. A. Larson were re-elected trustees, and E. B. Dell was elected a trustee to fill the unexpired term of P. E. Olsen.

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Chuck Yaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Yaw of Sitka, has developed a case of osteomylitis. He has been removed to the Orthopedic Hospital at Mt. Edgecumbe, and it is hoped that he will quickly respond to treatment following an operation performed February 24.

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New officers of the Board of Trustees of the Northern Light Church, Juneau, are: Roland B. Burrows, president; Dr. Henry C. Harris, vice-president; Clifford L. Swap, secretary. The Board of Trustees hold their will allow more time for study and meditation, are now being worked on by Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education.

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At the annual congregational meeting in January, Faith Church, Anchorage, elected the following officers: Elders: Myron Stevens and Murray Olson. Trustees: Mrs. J. M. Richardson, Mrs. Kenneth Stingel, Eldon Gallear, and Walter Stephans. The congreation agreed to accept the responsibility of $25 per month for the pastor's salary, and a benevolence budget of $125, and a budget for current expenses of $2091.50. The Ladies A[illegible] report receipts of $593.99 for 1948.

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Beginning the first of 1949, every prospective member is asked to meet with the Session of First Church, Anchorage. The elders enter into this training program. During January Elder Robert Atwood gave the History of the First Church; Elder Edwin Suddock gave the Story of the Church Program; Elder Frank Berry gave the outline of finances and the obligation new members might assume. The pastor dealt with Christian experience and the government of the Presbyterian Church. During February Elder Lloyd Morley told of the finances of the church, and Mrs. Wayne Jacobs of the Program. Following the meetings opportunity is given to visit and become acquainted. This program is the result of the New Life Movement plans after the visit of Dr. Raymond V. Kearns last fall.

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The newly organized Angoon Veterans Club held the Abraham Lincoln Memorial service in the Presbyterian Church on February 13. The Vet's Club Chaplain, Matthew J. Fred, was in charge of the evening service. Daniel Johnson read the scripture. Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Kenneth James. The male chorus sang two songs. The Community Choir also took part in the service by singing two anthems.

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Due to a record breaking snow fall in the Anchorage vicinity, Faith Church has had to hire a bulldozer to open the road to the church and clear out parking space around it. They look forward with grave misgivings to the breakup, as if it comes as suddenly as last year, it will be very difficult to get into the building. The severity of the winter has also been reflected in attendance, though considering it, and the amount of illness there has been, people have been very loyal.

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Two regular radio features are carried on by the pastors of Anchorage. The Rev. R. R. Armstrong has had the Family Altar, a five minute devotional program, every weekday morning for over six years, on KFQD. This is one of the most popular religious programs in Anchorage. Fred Koschmann has a religious news program each Monday afternoon over KENI. This has been on the air for a year, ever since the station began broadcasting. In addition to these, the Anchorage Gospel Fellowship has seven programs a week in which all local Christian pastors take part.

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MRS. HARRY HYDE GAVE A BOOK REVIEW OF LLOYD C. DOUGLAS' LATEST BEST SELLER, "THE BIG FISHERMAN," AT THE EVENING PRAYER SERVICE OF THE KETCHIKAN CHURCH, MARCH 9.

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The Rev. Harold Voelkel, Presbyterian missionary at Andong, Korea for 22 years, spoke in the Northern Light Church, Juneau, March 7 and 8. Mr. Voelkel has been on furlough in the States for the past year, and now awaits a clearing of the political situation in Korea so that he may return.

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Thy children o'er the world today
Who lift their hearts through Christ to Thee:
On land, in air, and on the sea;
Do Thou our hearts with courage fill,
And grant that we may do Thy will.

O Holy Spirit, Comforter,
Their burdens help Thy children bear:
Let sorrow, fear, anxiety
Be lost in trusting all to Thee;
Be Thou our strength, O God of Power,
And bear us through each trying hour.

O Savior, Christ of Galilee,
Now bind our wayward hearts to Thee;
O fill us with Thy joy and peace;
Let man-made strife and envy cease.
And let mankind from shore to shore
Thy praises sing forevermore! Amen.

—Raymond B. Spivey.

Church while Major Newbould was speaking.

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After a very serious illness and spending six weeks in the hospital, Layworker Andrew Wanamaker returned to Klukwan in January. During his absence, Elders James King and Dan Katzeek conducted the Sunday morning and evening services and mid-week Prayer service and also the Christmas service. The Women's Missionary Society led the Watch-Night service on New Year's Eve.

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The trustees of the Haines Church are busy with the problem of buying a new furnace. The present furnace is so badly cracked it is doubtful if it can last through the winter. A special offering has been received whi has amounted to $200. The tru tees plan to buy a new wood a coal burning furnace as soon the proper size can be deter ined.

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Sitka is holding Church Family Night once every month. In February, the Presbyterian Women were hostesses at a potluck supper held at the Sitka Community House. There were about 100 mothers, fathers, and [illegible] and girls present. During he dinner, Alton Dickman played a group of cornet solos. After linner there was a program of entertainment and fun.

The Cameron family put on a skit, "Getting Ready for Sunday School," with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cameron, Bob, Bonnie Jean, and little Chuck and Kenneth taking part. Poor Kenneth and Chuck, their Dad and brother put their shoes on the wrong feet and a shirt on top of Kenneth's sweater. They nearly missed the bus

ducted special services in the Angoon Church on February 7 and 9.

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At the annual congregational meeting held in January, the following new officers were elected by the Haines Church: Mrs. Elsie Mellotte and Johnny M. Thlaunot, elders; Jack David, Richard Aukerman, Han Hebert, trustees; Mrs. Alton Nelson, treasurer.

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Faith Church, Anchorage, is laying plans to erect a new building this coming summer. If present drawings are followed the church will be of cinder block construction, and will have besides the sanctuary, more adequate Sunday School facilities, and an apartment for the pastor and his family. It will be located in a newly developed business district about five blocks from the present building, and about two miles from downtown Anchorage. The present building will be sold.

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At the annual congregational meeting, the Hoonah Church elected the following: Donnie Houston, James and Robert Grant, elders; David Kadashan, Mrs. Katherine James,and Ben Watson, deacons; Robert Grant, Frank Johnson, and Mrs. Vivian Williams, trustees. James Houston was elected Sunday School superintendent. Charlie Davis was re-elected church treasurer.

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Over 40 students have been in attendance at classes of the second annual Presbyterian Bible Institute of Anchorage. Classes are held in the Educational Unit of First Church. Teachers for the Institute and subjects are as follows: Christian Beliefs, the Rev. Victor Alfsen; Advance Teacher Training, Thelma Glenn; Church History, the Rev. Frederick Koschmann; History of Missions, the Rev. Hackett Johnson; Worship in the Chapel, the Rev. R. R. Armstrong. The Rev. E. E. Bromley aided Mr. Armstrong several times in leading the devotionals at the Chapel

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